

# OCTOBER 5, 2025

## TWENTY~SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### FATHER LAZARUS KIRIGIA - PASTOR

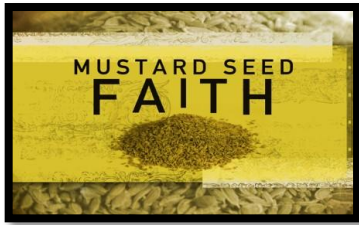
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Mission Statement-Aware of our rich Catholic tradition we strive to keep Jesus as the center of our worship and life.

*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.



**MASSSES** – Sunday-8:30am Saturday-5pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month) Tuesday-8:30am, Thursday-6pm  
Holydays-check bulletin

**RECONCILIATION**-Saturday-4:15pm-4:45pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.facebook.com/stpatrickimogeneiowa)

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
	<b>Oct. 5</b>	<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>Oct. 12</b>	<b>Oct. 19</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Abby Martin	Tom Dinville	Sarah Martin	Peggy Martin
<b>EME</b>	Bridget Campbell	Genene Fienup	A. Gutschenritter	John Martin
<b>EME</b>	Dan Kinsella		Joe Cheney	Sarah Martin
<b>EME</b>	Jim Martin		Aaron Molnar	Tom Martin
<b>Server</b>	Caroline Campbell		Ethan Laughlin	John Martin
<b>Server</b>	Devon Gutschenritter		Caroline Gutschenritter	Addy Christensen
<b>Server</b>	Ehtan Nelson		Maia Forney	Finn Martin
<b>Gifts</b>	Joe & Amy Gutschenritter	Bill & Pam Ditmars	Kathy Harbor	Paul & Maria Blake
<b>Usher</b>	Dan Kinsella	Donnie Doyle	Sam McGargill	Paul Blake
<b>Usher</b>	Trevor Christensen	Kim Hughes	Wes Nicholas	Gerard Brannen
<b>Usher</b>	Jim Martin	Becky Hughes	Dan Martin	Darwin Bugg
<b>Usher</b>	Tom Martin	Bill Ditmars	Jared Speichinger	Sandy Bugg
<b>Greeters</b>	Hannah Forney	Kim & Becky Hughes	Jim Martin Family	Joe & JoAnn Cheney
<b>Streaming</b>	Rita Laughlin		Maryanne Dailey	Kari Kinsella
<b>Sacristan</b>	Aaron Molnar	Tara Doyle	Joe Cheney	Joe Cheney

#### Mass Intentions

**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

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

**Thurs. Oct. 23:** + Michelle Laughlin

**Sat. Oct. 25:** Members of the parish

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

## THOUGHTS FROM FATHER LAZARUS

The opening sentence of this weekend's Gospel is interesting. The apostles tell Jesus to increase their faith. While this is probably a prayer many of us pray when we find ourselves struggling with some church teaching which we don't agree with or don't understand; we are left to wonder what prompted the apostles to plead to the Lord to increase their faith. What was it that made them realize they needed more faith? Sometimes our Sunday readings don't make sense unless we look around the surrounding passages of a scripture passage to understand the context.

In this case it's good to find out what Jesus had been teaching the apostles prior to the passage opening our Gospel reading for this Sunday. This will probably shed some light to the reason why the apostles pled to our Lord to increase their faith. In this case Jesus had been talking to them about forgiveness. Jesus says that if someone sins against us seven times in a day and asks to be forgiven seven times, we must still offer forgiveness. His use of the number seven is a way of saying that we must always forgive.

No wonder, then, the disciples respond in our first verse with the request to increase their faith. Forgiveness, when we have been hurt, is not simple to begin with, but is all the more problematic when we have been wronged repeatedly. It takes a lot of strength of will in order to be the type of forgiving person that Jesus demands. It takes the spirit "of power and love and self-control" that we hear about in Second Timothy to live up to this challenge.

To their question, Jesus answers them by telling them that if they had faith the size of a mustard seed they could command a mulberry tree to be uprooted and planted in the sea and it would obey. Notice that Jesus does not address the request; rather, He only provides an example to make clear that their faith is not even as big as a mustard seed. Like any virtue, faith only grows when tested. If we want to grow in faith, we have to put faith into practice. However, this is not merely in the objective and generic way; faith must be exercised in practical ways in our daily lives. In other words, faith is not just the acceptance of the revealed truths of God, but acting on the truths we profess.

It is normal to question our faith in God. God is not offended by our doubts or struggle in faith. He is willing to reassure us, and to stand by us, and to strengthen us. Isaiah reassures us that the Lord will "strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees" (Isa 35:3) We should know that when we struggle in our faith, it means that our Lord is providing us with the opportunity to stretch and grow in our faith. Most people are not aware that when they request the Lord to increase their faith, He will do so not by pumping us with spiritual adrenaline but provide us the training ground for us to build and form stronger spiritual muscles.

When we ask Him to increase our faith, we are literally asking Him to send us trials and tribulations. So, beware when you ask for more faith. Your prayers will certainly be answered but not in the way you expect it. Struggling in faith like Habakkuk in our first reading, or the Apostles shows that we are on the right path. It is a sign of growing pangs, of a faith which is alive and continues to burst out of its baby clothes. God will uphold your faith.

*Have a Blessed Week, Fr. Lazarus Kirigia*

### Our Gifts to God 9/27 & 9/28

Plate: \$849.80      Tithes: \$65.00  
Children: \$15.00      Masses: \$10.00  
Seminar Collection: \$50.00  
Gaza Collection: \$1193.00  
Donuts: \$98.00

### NCYC Breakfast - Oct. 12

Join us downstairs next Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> for a breakfast hosted by the NCYC students.

### Altar Society

The Altar Society will meet today after the YFF bell. The meeting will be in the Rectory.

### The October Committee:

Bridget Campbell (Chairperson)  
Patty Baran  
Judy Wischik  
Vickie Williams



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### Rosary Rally

**Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in our Heritage Garden.

### 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.



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

## 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**

Next week our parish will launch our Facilities & Campus Grounds survey. We want to hear your ideas for making improvements to the Rectory, Convent, Cemetery & Church grounds. Questions for the survey are below so you can reflect & be prepared to respond to next week's survey.

## **St. Patrick Catholic Church Facilities & Grounds Survey**

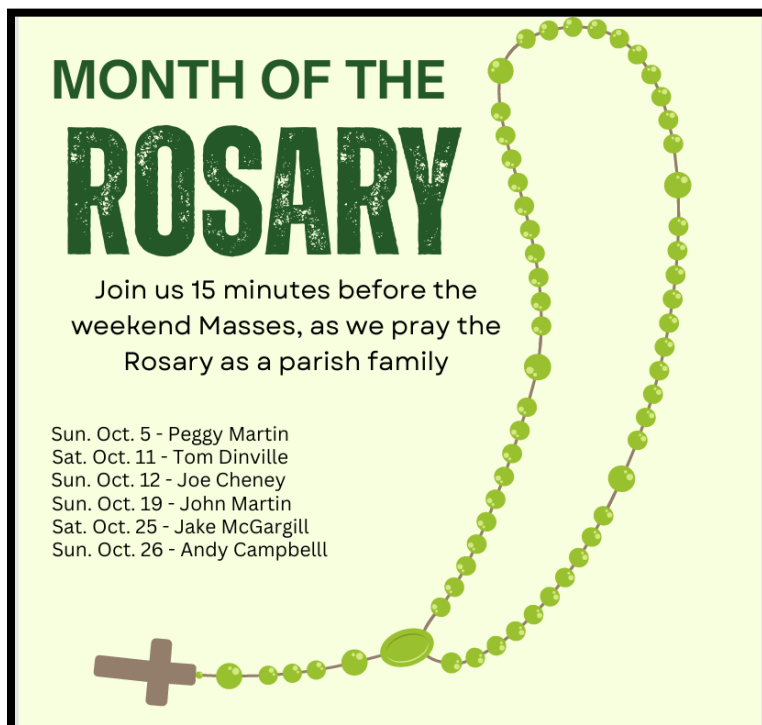
St. Patrick Catholic Church-Imogene is looking for parishioner feedback concerning all of our properties. We know the best ideas come from our parishioners. Please consider various ways we could utilize our buildings more and make improvements to the buildings and grounds.

**What multi-purpose ideas do you have for the Rectory?**

**What multi-purpose ideas do you have for the Faith Formation Building (convent)?**

**What ideas do you have for improvements at Mount Calvary Cemetery?**

**What further ideas do you have for improvements for any of the St. Patrick Catholic Church grounds?**





## Diocese of Des Moines PERMANENT DIACONATE Formation Pre-Application Information Meetings



*"Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach." Diaconate Rite of Ordination*

The pre-application information meetings are intended to provide interested men and their wives with an overview of the formation process and requirements as well as the challenges and rewards when choosing to pursue ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. There will be a short presentation and time for questions and answers. Permanent deacons and wives will be hosting these evenings and available to talk after the presentation.

***Attending at least one of the pre-application meetings by the inquirer and wife (if married) is a prerequisite for requesting an application packet.***

### Pre-application meetings:

Date	Time	Parish	Room
Saturday, October 18	10:00 a.m.	St. Patrick Parish, Council Bluffs	Social Hall
Saturday, October 18	2:00 p.m.	St. Michael Parish, Harlan	School Library
Monday, October 27	7:00 p.m.	Christ the King Parish, Des Moines	Parish Hall
Thursday, November 6	7:00 p.m.	St. Pius X Parish, Urbandale	Martha & Mary Hall
Sunday, November 9	2:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Parish, Creston	Parish Hall

For more information contact- [Vocations@dmdiocese.org](mailto:Vocations@dmdiocese.org) or 515-237-5034

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## **St. Patrick Finance Council Minutes**

### **September 11, 2025**

Following the Harvest Mass and potluck supper held at the home of John and Peggy Martin the finance council meeting was opened by Dan Kinsella at 8:00 pm. Attending were Father Lazarus, Becky Hughes, Jim Martin, Dan Kinsella, Rick Dailey, Ken Forney, Rita Laughlin and Genene Fienup. Also attending were Kari Kinsella and Maryanne Dailey

**Old Business** – The Diocese of Des Moines has appointed as Red Oak Deanery for 5 Southwest Iowa counties Very Reverend Lazarus Kirigia Dean. Strategy report to the Diocese, we need a larger meeting to get more involvement from the parish. Upcoming Alpha gatherings will be open to the public.

**Building & Grounds** – St. Patrick basement has been selected to be an Emergency Shelter for Imogene. Following discussion, Rick will contact Norm Bormann at the Diocese concerning liability and insurance issues. Bids have been submitted by Nebel Construction to repair the church roof, youth faith formation building and rectory in that order. Sidewalk repairs were discussed. Greiner family will be contacted and Jim mentioned contacting someone from the Farragut/Riverton area. Handicap ramp has rust issues. Rita volunteered to contact Bob Brand. Street repairs were discussed and we need to focus on Third Street. Lawn mowers have done a good job on church grounds and the cemetery.

**Safety** – Rick will contact the Red Oak police chief to present safety ideas to the parish during a Sunday coffee in October.

**Events** – Turkey shoot, Jim will take care of ordering turkeys and hams. More information will be in the bulletins in November.

**Financials** – Year end statements as of 6/30/25 were handed out and reviewed. ADA update as of

9/11/25 we are still short \$3,400.00 of reaching our goal.

Next meeting will be held in the new year with a date to be determined.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Genene Fienup