

# JANUARY 11, 2026

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## 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.

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 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month) Tuesday-8:30am, Thursday-6pm

Holidays-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)**

	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 24	Jan. 25
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Denville	Abby Martin	Peggy Martin	Tom Denville	YFF
<b>EME</b>	Kathy Harbor	Amy Gutschenritter	John Martin	Kathy Harbor	Bridget Campbell
<b>EME</b>		Joe Cheney	Sarah Martin		Dan Kinsella
<b>EME</b>		Aaron Molnar	Tom Martin		Jim Martin
<b>Server</b>		Addy Christiansen	Lillie Martin		YFF
<b>Server</b>		John Martin	Caroline Gutschenritter		YFF
<b>Server</b>		Nora Martin	Ethan Hughes		YFF
<b>Gifts</b>	Kim & Becky Hughes	Joe & JoAnn Cheney	Ekpai Family	Tim & Sarah Martin	YFF
<b>Usher</b>	Bill Ditmars	Ken Forney	Dan Kinsella	Bernie Hughes	YFF
<b>Usher</b>	Donnie Doyle	Hannah Forney	Trevor Christensen	Tim Martin	YFFY
<b>Usher</b>	Kim Hughes	Jim Gutschenritter	Jim Martin	George McGargill	YFF
<b>Usher</b>	Beckly Hughes	Joe Gutschenritter	Tom Martin	Aaron Molnar	YFF
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill & Pam Ditmars	Jerry Laughlin	Rick Dailey	Bernie Hughes	YFF
<b>Streaming</b>		Kari Kinsella	Maryanne D.		Rita Laughlin
<b>Sacristan</b>	Tara Doyle	Joe Cheney	Joe Cheney	Kent Owens	Jim Martin

### Mass Intention

**Sat. Jan. 10:** +Travis Durfey and +Betty & +Dan Head    **Sun. Jan. 11:** Members of the parish    **Tues. Jan. 13:** +Jerry & +Pat Head  
**Thurs. Jan. 15:** +Agnes Hughes Brunetti and +Marty & +Margaret Laughlin    **Sun. Jan. 18:** Members of the parish  
**Tues. Jan. 20:** +Theresa Hughes Kemp and +Ann McDonald    **Thurs. Jan. 22:** +Michael David Connors    **Sat. Jan. 24:** +Ed Blackburn

## THOUGHTS FROM FATHER LAZARUS

Today marks the end of the Christmas season. It's time to remove those Christmas decorations and pack the Christmas tree if you use an artificial one. The manifestations of Christ we celebrate during Christmas time culminate in the baptism of the Lord. It is a good day to reflect on our own baptism and its significance for us. The day of Jesus' baptism was a watershed in his life; it marked a new beginning. On that day, he began his public ministry during which he gave himself fully in the service of God and all of God's people. On that day, Jesus launched forth as the one who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. As he set out on that momentous journey for all of us, he was assured of God his Father's favor, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you', and he was empowered by the Holy Spirit, who descended upon him like a dove.

Our Lord's baptism is a vital moment in our story of salvation, where he joined with humanity in the humble outreach to God, and where the Father and the Spirit are seen and heard to be there with him. Our gospel says that "the heavens were opened," a powerful statement of the point of contact between heaven and earth. Later on, as Jesus completes his life-journey on Calvary, we read how "the veil of the Temple was rent in two," a symbol that we are not completely free to enter the Holy of Holies. Today's gospel has Jesus beginning a journey that each of us is asked to travel. It is a journey full of purpose, a journey of intent. We need a sense of purpose and pattern to our living. St Peter summarized the purpose and pattern of Christ's life when he said, "Went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." We are each invited, personally, to make this purpose our own.

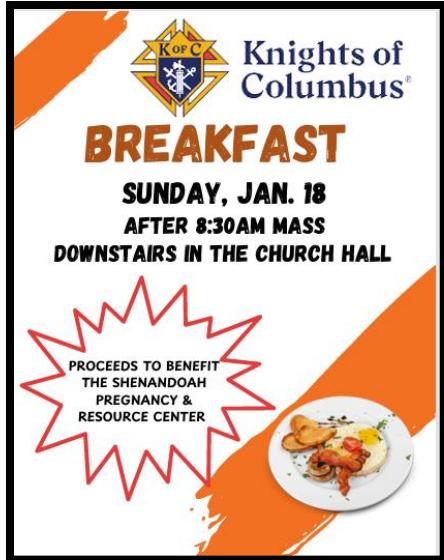
Though Jesus was baptized as an adult and we were baptized as children, our baptism was also a day of a new beginning for us. On that day, we were launched on the great adventure of becoming disciples of Jesus in our own time. On that day, we too were given an assurance of God's love and favor, and we too were empowered by the Holy Spirit for the journey ahead of us. On that day, we were caught up in Jesus' own very special relationship with God, and we became members of Jesus' family of disciples, the church. It is a moment of grace that has the potential to shape our lives in a very fundamental way, in a way that is in keeping with God's purpose for our lives.

Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong call. We spend the rest of our lives trying to carry out what it calls us to be. Some of us were baptized as children, but years later, we personally confirmed the implications of our baptism. It is as adults that we say personal 'yes' to the Lord who has blessed us from the start. It may be as late as our twenties or even later that we adopt that 'yes' with all our heart, soul, and mind. In those mature years, we can more fully hear the call of today's Reading from Isaiah, '*Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit;*' From the moment of our baptism, the Lord keeps guiding us, and as the Scripture declares, that word "does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do." Like Jesus himself, today we turn our ears again to hear that baptismal call.

*Have a Blessed Week. Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.*

**Our Gifts to God:  
12/31 & 1/4**

Plate: \$1623.00      Tithes: \$255.00  
 Children: \$9.00      Votives: \$122.46  
 Memorial: \$2045.00



Melanie Doyle	Jan 3rd
Darwin Bugg	Jan 6th
Waylon Burge	Jan 6th
Dave McGargill	Jan 8th
Trevor Christensen	Jan 10th
Andy Campbell	Jan 13th
Maryanne Dailey	Jan 15th
Kim Hughes	Jan 16th
Jerry McDonald	Jan 18th
Sam McGargill	Jan 20th
Jerry Doyle	Jan 23rd
Christina John	Jan 23rd
Nate Hughes	Jan 24th
Ryan Laughlin	Jan 26th
Abby Martin	Jan 26th
Stephanie Berglund	Jan 30th
Jim Martin	Jan 31st

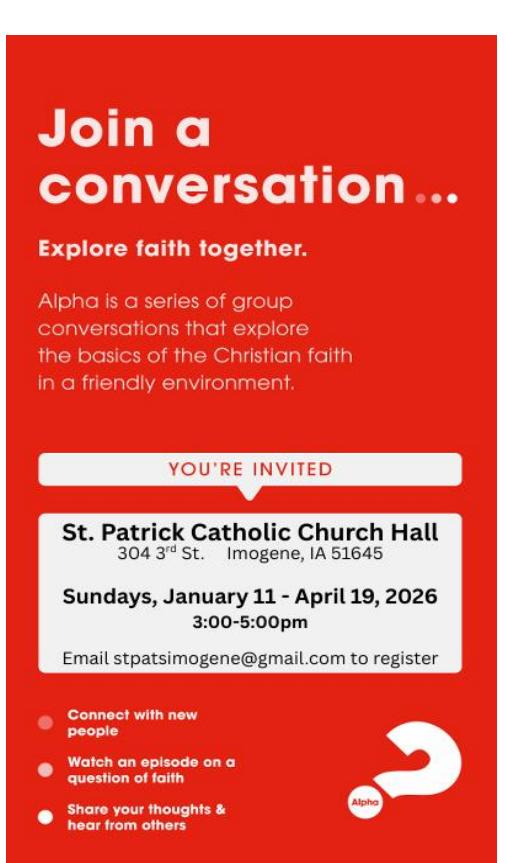


**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

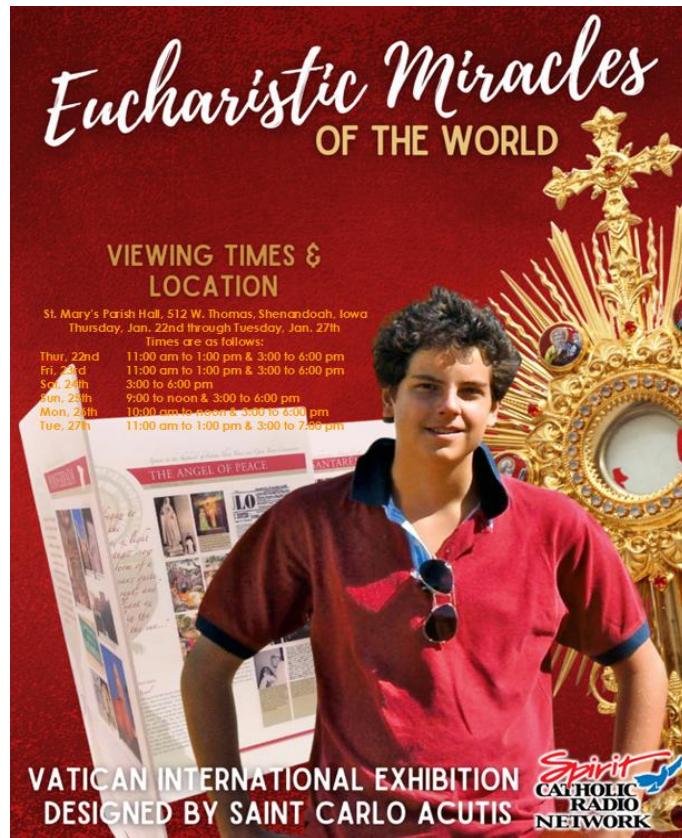
- Classes resume today (Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>)
- High School students meet in the Faith Formation building immediately following Mass

**Parish Movie Night**

The next parish movie night is Saturday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> after Mass in the church hall.



## Upcoming events at St. Mary's in Shenandoah



The display will be at St. Mary's in Shenandoah Thursday, Jan. 22 – Tuesday, Jan. 27. Times listed on flyer.



## It's time for a new parish directory!

Pictures will be taken in the church hall:

**Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 8:30pm**

**Saturday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30am – 5pm**

- You can schedule your appointment online by following the instructions in the below flyer. There will also be someone in the back of church after Mass the weekend of Jan. 24/25 and February 14/15 if you need help setting up your appointment. Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a parish directory.
- If you're unable to schedule an appointment on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> or Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, you have the option of going to St. Mary's in Red Oak on Wednesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 8:30pm and have your picture taken there. Since we are using the same photographers, this is now an option.

Any questions: please contact Maryanne Dailey ([stpatsimogene@gmail.com](mailto:stpatsimogene@gmail.com))



*Celebrating faith.  
Connecting families.  
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*Directory Committee*

## Connections Event

*Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.*

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,  
Connecting generations.*



### Online Scheduling Available

To schedule your photography appointment online, go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) or scan the QR code above. Click on Photography Session Sign-Up, enter ia385 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field, then log in and follow the prompts to schedule your appointment. If you have 6 or more in your family photo, please use 2 consecutive time slots. Photos in Imogene will be taken on Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.