

JANUARY 18, 2026

SECOND 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.

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 Jan. 18	Saturday Jan. 24	Sunday Jan. 25	Sunday Feb. 1
Lector	Peggy Martin	Tom Dinville	YFF	Sarah Martin
EME	John Martin	Kathy Harbor	Bridget Campbell	Amy Gutschenritter
EME	Sarah Martin		Dan Kinsella	Joe Cheney
EME	Tom Martin		Jim Martin	Aaron Molnar
Server	Lillie Martin		YFF	Madeleine Ekpai
Server	Caroline Gutschenritter		YFF	Jonathan Ekpai
Server	Ethan Hughes		YFF	Nora Martin
Gifts	Ekpai Family	Tim & Sarah Martin	YFF	Joe & Amy Gutschenritter
Usher	Dan Kinsella	Bernie Hughes	YFF	Paul Blake
Usher	Trevor Christensen	Tim Martin	YFFY	Wes Nicholas
Usher	Jim Martin	George McGargill	YFF	Dan Martin
Usher	Tom Martin	Aaron Molnar	YFF	Jared Speichinger
Greeters	Rick Dailey	Bernie Hughes	YFF	James & Melonie Doyle
Streaming	Maryanne D.		Rita Laughlin	Maryanne D.
Sacristan	Joe Cheney	Kent Owens	Jim Martin	Aaron Molnar

Mass Intention

Sun. Jan. 18: Members of the parish **Sat. Jan. 24:** +Ed Blackburn **Sun. Jan. 25:** Members of the parish

Sun. Feb. 1: +Jerry & +Pat Head **Sat. Feb. 14:** +Ed Regan and +Dwight Smith **Sun. Feb. 15:** Members of the parish

Tues. Feb. 17: +Tony & +Gram Head and +Jerry & +Pat Head **Wed. Feb. 18:** +Wanda Maher and +Paul Laughlin

January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 1:29-34

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34)**. That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— *Father John Muir*

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same.

**Our Gifts to God:
1/10 & 1/11**

Plate: \$2179.00	Tithes: \$105.00
Children: \$15.00	Masses: \$220.00
Donuts: \$66.00	Bld Fund: \$3000.00
Food Pantry: \$80.00	

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast –
TODAY**

Join us downstairs after Mass today to enjoy a breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The proceeds will benefit the Shenandoah Pregnancy and Resource Center.

Parish Movie Night

The next parish movie night is Saturday, Jan. 24th after Mass in the church hall. The movie will be: *Heaven is for Real*.

Thank you to our St. Patrick family for thinking of us throughout the holidays. We truly enjoyed the poinsettia plant.
-Ed and Darlene Laughlin

On Saturday afternoon, January 10th, the women of the parish gathered in the parish hall for the Women's Irish Christmas Retreat. The day was filled with good food, shared stories, laughter, prayer reflections, a witness story, blessings and affirmations.

A special thank you to Rita Laughlin and Mia Dailey for the behind the scenes work that helped bring the retreat to life, to Kari Kinsella for her powerful witness story, to Lilly Martin, Ruthie Martin, Abby Martin and Sarah Martin who joyfully served and to the women of the parish who gathered to pray our way into a new year.

(The cost of this retreat was from a grant submitted by Kathy Regan to Thrivent to help pay for the cost of the food and supplies).

NCYC Breakfast

Next Sunday, Jan. 25th, the NCYC students will host a breakfast downstairs after Mass. Make plans to stop down and support these students



Melonie 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

**Special Collection
Next Weekend**

The Diocesan Solidarity Fund special collection will be held on January 24th and 25th. The Diocesan Solidarity Fund serves the people of God in the 23 counties of the Diocese of Des Moines. This fund is used when a need arises and the local parish or faith community has exhausted their resources and abilities to meet the needs of their community. Thank you for your generosity.

Father Lazarus – Out of Town

Fr. Lazarus will be away from January 19 thru February 12. Fr. Ken Gross will be covering the weekend Masses on January 24/25 and February 7/8. Fr. David Polich will be covering the weekend Masses on January 31/February 1. Please welcome both priests to Imogene. There will be no daily Mass while Father is away. For emergencies, please contact Fr. Jason Lee in Shenandoah or Fr. Michael in Clarinda.

YFF Open House

YFF Open House is next Sunday, Jan. 25th starting at 10am in the Faith Formation Building. Come over and see what the kids have been up to this year. All are welcome!



St. Clare Church
51st Annual Spaghetti Dinner
AT J. BRUNER'S – 117 N 15th, CLARINDA
EAST SIDE OF THE SQUARE
Sunday, January 25, 2026
From 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Mass time at St. Clare will be 10 AM

Free Will offering
Carry-out option available
Call 712-542-2030 or email stclareclarinda@mchsi.com
for more details

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES DISPLAY

St. Mary's Catholic church in Shenandoah will be hosting St. Carlo Acutis' "Eucharistic Miracles of the World" display from January 22-25th in the parish hall. Viewing times are as follows:



1/22- 11am-1pm and 3pm-6pm
1/23- 11am-1pm and 3pm-6pm
1/24- 3pm-6pm
1/25 - 9-12 noon and 3pm-6pm
1/26- 10-12 noon and 3pm-6pm
1/27- 11am-1pm and 3pm-7pm

Proceeds benefit the Shenandoah Pregnancy Center

St. Mary's Catholic Church

BINGO NIGHT

GAMES FUN FOOD

February 7, 2026
Soup Supper, Desserts, Drinks, followed by BINGO!

Supper begins at 5:00 pm

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Parish Hall of St. Mary's, 512 W. Thomas, Shenandoah

It's time for a new parish directory!

Pictures will be taken in the church hall:

Friday, Feb. 27th 2pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, Feb. 28th 10:30am – 5pm

- You can schedule your appointment online by following the Online Scheduling Instructions below. **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. 27th or Feb. 28th, you have the option of going to St. Mary's in Red Oak on Wednesday, Feb, 25th or Thursday, Feb. 26th from 2pm – 8:30pm and have your picture taken there. Since we are using the same photographers, this is now an option.

Online Scheduling Instructions

To schedule your photography appointment online, go to www.ucdir.com or scan the QR



code

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. 27th and Saturday, Feb. 28th.

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

