

# MARCH 22, 2026

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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

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)

	Sunday March 22	Saturday March 28	Sunday March 29
<b>Lector</b>	A. Gutschenritter	Tom Dinville	YFF
<b>Reader 1</b>		Sandy Bugg	Sarah Martin
<b>Reader 2</b>		Rick Dailey	YFF
<b>EME</b>	Bridget Campbell	Kathy Harbor	A. Gutschenritter
<b>EME</b>	Dan Kinsella		Joe Cheney
<b>EME</b>	Jim Martin		Aaron Molnar
<b>Server</b>	Caroline Campbell		YFF
<b>Server</b>	Jonathan Ekpai		YFF
<b>Server</b>	Madeleine Ekpai		YFF
<b>Gifts</b>	Dan & Stephanie Martin	Donnie & Tara Doyle	YFF
<b>Usher</b>	Trevor Christensen	Bernie Hughes	YFF
<b>Usher</b>	Dan Kinsella	Tim Martin	YFF
<b>Usher</b>	Jim Martin	George McGargill	YFF
<b>Usher</b>	Tom Martin	Aaron Molnar	YFF
<b>Greeters</b>	James & Melonie Doyle	Bernie Hughes	YFF
<b>Streaming</b>	Nora Martin		Maryanne D
<b>Sacristan</b>	Tom Martin	Kent Owens	Aaron Molnar

#### Mass Intention

**Sun. Mar. 22:** +Justin Owens

**Tues. Mar. 24:** +Tom Breedlove and +Michael Davis Connors

**Thurs. Mar. 26:** +Dwight Smith and +Ed Regan

**Sat. Mar. 28:** +Jerry and +Pat Head **Sun. Mar. 29:** Members of the parish

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 22, 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
John 11:1-45

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: **“Lazarus, come out!” (John 11:43)** The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, **“Untie him and let him go” (John 11:44).**

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

**Lenten challenge:** Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— *Father John Muir*

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### THIS IS THE LAST THURSDAY FOR STATIONS AND THE SOUP SUPPER



**Hosting the Soup Supper**  
March 26 – Altar Society

### Our Gifts to God: 3/17

Plate: \$3896.75      Tithes: \$275.00  
 Children: \$15.00      Wedding: \$500.00  
 Catholic Relief Services: \$585.00  
 Sons & Daughters Beverage Donation: \$233.00  
 Irish Brunch -NCYC: \$2005.00  
 Veit LLC Refund: \$90.26

#### **Inside Church Cleaning March 28 at 9am**

Please join us as we clean the inside of the church in preparation for Easter.

#### **Active Threat Safety Talk - TODAY**

Join us at 9:45am in the church hall for a presentation by the Red Oak Police Chief; Justin Rhamy. This presentation will last approximately 30 minutes.

Please remember in your prayers  
**+Mark McGargill**

Mark passed away on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Hemet, CA. He is the brother of Luke, Jake, George and Sam McGargill all of our parish.

The sympathy of the St. Patrick faith family is extended to his entire family.

***May he rest eternally in the loving arms of our Savior***

#### **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass – Five-Week Study**

Join St. Patrick in Council Bluffs for a five-week Bible study, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, beginning Tuesday, April 7 from 6:15–8:00 PM in the parish social hall. Through the video series by Edward Sri, this study explores the biblical roots and deeper meaning of the words, gestures, and rituals of the Mass. The cost is \$30, which includes the workbook and companion book. *Please bring your Bible each week.* Our last Bible Study had 100+ participants! **Register by March 25** at [stpatrickcb.org](http://stpatrickcb.org) (Upcoming Events) or at the parish office.

For more information, call 712-323-1484.



Shirley Leahy	Mar 3rd
Cassidy Molnar	Mar 3rd
John Martin	Mar 3rd
Madeleine Ekpai	Mar 3rd
Brynn Berglund	Mar 3rd
Joe Doyle	Mar 4th
Regina Forney	Mar 5th
Kathy Harbor	Mar 5th
George McGargill	Mar 6th
Logan Mahoney	Mar 9th
Tonya Maher (Blaine)	Mar 11th
Rose Dailey	Mar 13th
Roger Dailey	Mar 15th
Darlene Laughlin	Mar 16th
Bill Ditmars	Mar 17th
Ethan Laughlin	Mar 18th
Kayla Mahoney	Mar 21st
Brianna Blake	Mar 25th
Steve Laughlin	Mar 26th
Vicki Smith	Mar 29th
Sandy Bugg	Mar 31st
Owen Laughlin	Mar 31st

#### **Altar Society Updates**

- The next meeting is **April 12th**
- The Altar Society grant application for graduating high school seniors is available by contacting Vickie Williams or Kathy Harbor
- If you are interested in being an officer for next year, please contact Vickie or Kathy.

You are all invited to the annual Chrism Mass this Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Ambrose Cathedral at 5 pm. Bishop Joensen will bless Oil of the Sick, used in our parish for those who are ill or infirm from illness of mind or body, accidents, or advanced age; Oil of Catechumens, used in our parish for baptism, and Sacred Chrism, used in our parish for baptism, confirmation, and ordinations.  
*-Fr. Lazarus*

*Come Adore with us!*



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of Perpetual Adoration

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JOIN US FOR A MONASTIC EXPERIENCE  
FOR SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN, AGES 18-40.

MAY 1 - 3, 2026 | JUNE 26 - 28, 2026 | OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 1, 2026

- JOIN OUR SISTERS FOR DAILY MASS, THE DIVINE OFFICE AND ADORATION
- HEAR PRESENTATIONS ON BENEDICTINE WISDOM, PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
- ENJOY THE QUIET BEAUTY OF OUR MONASTERY GROUNDS

*Contact me!*  
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**Knights of Columbus Council 1479  
Scholarship Application**

The Knights of Columbus Council 1479 of Shenandoah and Imogene, is pleased to make available, three \$1,000 continuing education scholarships to high school seniors or college students who are selected according to the following criteria: 1.) registered members of St. Mary's or St. Patrick's Parish or dependent of a family registered with St. Mary's or St. Patrick's Parish. 2.) good character and moral traits 3.) service oriented to parish and community 4.) financial need 5.) Essay on "what my faith means to me" 100 words minimum 6.) Preference will be given to family members of Active Knights of Columbus members. To be eligible, recipients must attend a school of higher education, which also includes trade schools. Recipients must either be high school seniors or in their first year of college. Nontraditional students may also apply during their first year of returning to college. All applicants can only be awarded the scholarship once, but winning the scholarship does not affect applicant's eligibility for the current Knights of Columbus Council 1479 Student Loan Program. Payments will be made directly to the student, half at the start of the fall semester and half at the start of the spring semester.

***\*Applications are on the table in the vestibule\****

**HOLY WEEK  
SCHEDULE**

5:00 PM April 2 | Holy Thursday

5:00PM April 3 | Good Friday

8:00PM April 4 | Holy Saturday  
Easter Vigil

8:30AM April 5 | Easter Sunday



**Good Friday Collection**

The Pope has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. This collection helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war and now the Iranian conflict have made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www. Myfranciscan.org](http://www.Myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org).



# SPaRC

Shenandoah Pregnancy and Resource Center

Helping Hearts, Building Lives

**Our greatest need right now is for pull-ups for our older toddlers.**

## PULL-UP DRIVE



A variety of brands are encouraged. We have several toddlers who are allergic to some brands of pull-ups.

### Drop off deadline

**Sunday, April 12**

There is a box in the vestibule to drop off your donations

All sizes are needed!

shenandoahprc@gmail.com



# SPaRC

Shenandoah Pregnancy and Resource Center

Helping Hearts, Building Lives

Thursday  
April 30th  
6:00PM

## ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

### Guest Speaker



Sarah Louise Peterson

**Sidewalk  
Advocates for  
Life**

Sarah Louise Peterson serves as the Program Leader for Sidewalk Advocates for Life in Omaha and Bellevue, Nebraska, a role she has held since the fall of 2023. In this position, she oversees a team of approximately 30 trained advocates, coordinates and facilitates Sidewalk Advocate for Life (SAFL) trainings throughout the year, serves as a local spokesperson for the organization, and regularly volunteers alongside her team outside abortion facilities in Omaha and Bellevue. She has participated in national SAFL conferences in Texas and Washington, D.C.

Currently, Sarah works part-time as a paraprofessional in an elementary school in the Millard School district in Nebraska. She and her husband, Dean, have been married for 20 yrs and have three amazing daughters, ages 14, 12 and 10. In her spare time, Sarah enjoys reading, spending time with her family, and watching documentaries.

Tickets: \$15/ea or sponsor a table of 8 for \$120

Reservations and payment due by April 13th

To reserve a ticket(s) or sponsor a table:

712-581-9023

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Nishna Valley Christian Church

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Shenandoah, IA

# St. Patrick's Day Weekend in Imogene



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this weekend a wonderful time for faith, family and fellowship.