

MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION 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 (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****

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	Saturday March 28	Sunday March 29	Saturday – 8pm April 4 – Easter Vigil	Sunday April 5 - Easter
Lector	Tom Dinville	YFF	Tom Donville	Maria Blake
Reader 1	Sandy Bugg	Sarah Martin	Sandy Bugg, Sarah Martin	
Reader 2	Rick Dailey	YFF	Rick Dailey	
EME	Kathy Harbor	A. Gutschenritter		John Martin
EME		Joe Cheney		Sarah Martin
EME		Aaron Molnar		Tom Martin
Server		YFF		Lillie Martin
Server		YFF		Ethan Nelson
Server		YFF		Devon Gutschenritter
Gifts	Donnie & Tara Doyle	YFF		Paul & Maria Blake
Usher	Bernie Hughes	YFF		Gerard Brannen
Usher	Tim Martin	YFF		Paul Blake
Usher	George McGargill	YFF		Dan Martin
Usher	Aaron Molnar	YFF		Jared Speichinger
Greeters	Bernie Hughes	YFF		Jerry Laughlin
Streaming		Rita Laughlin	Rita Laughlin	Kari Kinsella
Sacristan	Kent Owens	Aaron Molnar		Aaron Molnar

Mass Intention

Sat. Mar. 28: +Jerry and +Pat Head **Sun. Mar. 29:** Members of the parish **Tues. Mar. 31:** Members of the parish

Thurs. April 2: +Helen Lewis **Fri. April 3:** +Dwight Smith and +Ann McDonald **Sat. April 4:** Members of the parish

Sun. April 5: Members of the parish **Tues. April 7:** +Justin Owens **Thurs. April 9:** +Jerry & +Pat Head

Sat. April 11: +Travis Durfey **Sun. April 12:** +Ed Regan

Tues. April 14: Thanksgiving no lives were lost in the Holy Thursday Tornado of 2025

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: **"A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head"** (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: **"She has done a good thing for me"** (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— *Father John Muir*

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****

Fr. Leahy Retirement from Boston College

Fr. William P. Leahy, S.J., the current president of Boston College is retiring this summer and we as a parish want to wish him well in his retirement. Fr. Leahy grew up in Imogene and attended St. Patrick parish as a child. He has been back to Imogene periodically and still has fond memories of his time in Imogene. To date, he is the only man to be ordained from our parish.

We are asking members of the parish to sign a page in the Gem of the Prairie book and wish him congratulations. The book will be given to Fr. Leahy before he retires. One of our own parish members (Danny Kinsella) is currently a student at Boston College and is lucky enough to have had Fr. Leahy as an advisor. We will make sure Danny gets the book to Fr. Leahy.

The book is on the table in the vestibule and will be there until April 26th.

Our Gifts to God: 3/22

Plate: \$1029.75 Tithes: \$75.00
 Children: \$4.00 Wedding: \$500.00
 Donuts: \$94.00



Kenny Hughes	Apr 3rd
Sarah Martin (Tim)	Apr 3rd
Wes Nicholas	Apr 6th
Britney Doyle	Apr 9th
Teresa Hughes	Apr 10th
Frank Leahy	Apr 18th
Lisa Molnar	Apr 18th
Bob Wilkinson	Apr 21st
Peggy Laughlin	Apr 23rd
Avery Martin	Apr 23rd
Colleen Laughlin	Apr 26th
Devon Gutschenritter	Apr 27th
Sue McDonald	Apr 28th
Rick Dailey	Apr 29th
Kent Owens	Apr 30th

Since the inside church cleaning had to be canceled, if you could look around and tidy up the area around where you are sitting today, that would be helpful.

NCYC Breakfast

The next NCYC Breakfast is April, 19th. Make plans to attend and support these students.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Mens Faith and Fellowship Group

All men of the parish are invited to a Mens Faith and Fellowship Group. The evening consists of a short video, discussion about the video, snacks and fellowship. The group will meet the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the church hall. The next meeting is Wednesday, April, 1st.

Any questions, contact Rick Dailey: 712-246-8332

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.



April 2026	
CH-Maryanne Dailey	
Melonie Doyle	
Sandy Bugg	
Laurie McGargill	
Sarah Martin (Tim)	
Donuts - 12th, 26th	
NCYC - 4/19 (no donuts)	

Good Friday Special Collection

The special collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Land.

We still need several volunteers to sign up for various liturgical assignments for Holy Week. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

Outside Grounds Clean Up Sunday, April 12

Please join us after Mass on Sunday, April 12th to help clean up the church grounds. All help is welcome and please bring your own yard tools.

**The Vigil at the Altar of Repose
Beginning after Holy Thursday Mass until 8:00 p.m.**

This Lenten tradition is known as the "Seven Churches Visitation". This tradition involves attending 7 different churches after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. These seven visits represent the final seven places or "stations" Jesus journeyed, from his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane on Holy Thursday to his crucifixion and death on Good Friday. At each church, you spend time kneeling before a temporary "altar of repose" – or the altar where the Eucharist, consecrated on Holy Thursday, is placed until the Mass of the Presanctified, a Christian liturgy that takes place on Good Friday (where there is no consecration).

We will not be traveling to other churches, instead our church will remain open until 8:00 p.m. for silent prayer and adoration.

We do this in response to Jesus' question in the Garden of Gethsemane,
"Could you not spend one hour with me?"



Easter

Egg Hunt

**Join us after Mass on Easter Sunday for
an Easter Egg hunt for the young
children of the parish and any young
children attending Easter Mass.**

Eggs will be hidden on the church grounds.

The poster features a light pink background with decorative floral elements. At the top, there are two clusters of pink and red flowers with green leaves. At the bottom, there is a border of various colorful flowers, including purple lavender, orange and red buds, and several pink and white Easter eggs.

St. Patrick's Church
Kenya Update Meeting Notes
March 19, 2026

Meeting was open to all St. Patrick Catholic Church parishioners and started after the Pastoral Council meeting. A total of 10 people in attendance.

Dan Kinsella started the meeting with a Hail Mary.

Dan shared historical information summarizing St. Patrick Catholic Church-Imogene's financial contributions from 2021-2025 to our sister parish, Holy Family-Mukothima in Kenya. Fr. Eliud Mwenda was the pastor in Kenya and project manager of contributions.

Some contributions were defined church projects (water wells and a girls' dormitory) and others were individual projects funded by specific individuals. The church received updates in forms of pictures and videos of project progress. During parishioner travels to Kenya in 2023/2024 they observed a completed girls' dormitory, and two of three water storage tanks for the wells, along with a solar paneled irrigation system that was funded by specific parishioners or other donors. There have been many generous individual contributions directly given to various needs of the parish, specified by Fr. Eliud. The church did not receive financial accounting support for the projects.

Next Steps - Fr. Eliud has been moved to another parish and Fr. Linus Kinyua is the new pastor of Holy Family-Mukothima. Moving forward, St. Patrick Catholic Church-Imogene will not be working with Fr. Eliud Mwenda; we will continue working with Holy Family-Mukothima, our sister parish. St. Patrick Catholic Church-Imogene will implement new processes with more financial oversight with Fr. Linus. Updates will be given to Bishop Joensen and the Bishop in Africa.

Meeting concluded with Glory Be.



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

PULL-UP DRIVE



All sizes are needed!

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

shenandoahprc@gmail.com



Thursday April 30th 6:00PM

ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

Guest Speaker 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.



Sarah Louise Peterson 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.

Sidewalk Advocates for Life

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: Nishna Valley Christian Church
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