

APRIL 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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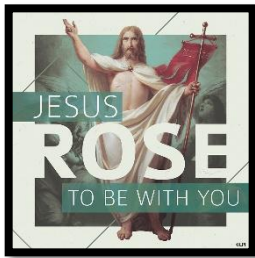
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Mission Statement-Aware of our rich Catholic tradition we strive to keep Jesus as the center of our worship and life.

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	Saturday	Sunday
	April 19	April 25	April 26
Lector	Abby Martin	Rick Dailey	A. Gutschenritter
EME	A. Gutschenritter	Kathy Harbor	John Martin
EME	Joe Cheney		Sarah Martin
EME	Aaron Molnar		Tom Martin
Server	John Martin		Addie Christensen
Server	Ruthie Martin		Finn Martin
Server	Caroline Gutschenritter		Ethan Laughlin
Gifts	Joe & JoAnn Cheney	Tim & Sarah Martin	Raphael & Ida Ekpai Family
Usher	Andy Campbell	Tim Martin	Ken Forney
Usher	Joe Cheney	Bernie Hughes	Trevor Christensen
Usher	James Doyle	George McGargill	Jim Gutschenritter
Usher	Raphael Ekpai	Aaron Molnar	Joe Gutschenritter
Greeters	Aaron Molnar	Rick & Maryanne Dailey	Henry Martin
Streaming	Maryanne D.		Nora Martin
Sacristan	Joe Cheney	Genene Fienup	Jim Martin

Mass Intention

Sun. April 19: +Mary Stannard

Tues. April 21: Members of the parish

Thurs. April 23: Michael David Conners

Sat. April 25: +Jerry & +Pat Head

Sun. April 26: Members of the parish

Tues. April 28: +Michelle & +Linda Laughlin

Thurs. April 30: +Betty & +Dan Head

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 19, 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter
Luke 24:13-35

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but **"their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."** (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— *Father John Muir*

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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: 4/11 & 4/12

Plate: \$1357.00 Tithes: \$145.00
 Children: \$7.00 Donuts: \$106.00

NCYC Breakfast - TODAY

Join us downstairs after Mass for a breakfast hosted by the NCYC Students.



The Knights of Columbus made a generous donation to the Food Pantry.

**Shenandoah Pregnancy & Resource Center
 Pull-Up Drive**

The pregnancy center is collecting pull-ups for their older toddlers. There is a basket in the vestibule for the pull-ups.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Inside Church Cleaning
 April 25th at 9am**

Since the original day for the church cleaning had to be canceled, we will be cleaning the inside of the church on April 25th.

THANK YOU

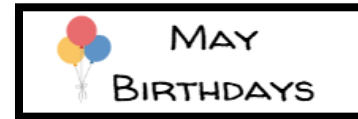
Thank you to everyone who helped with the outside grounds clean up last Sunday.

**May 3 Senior Breakfast –
 Volunteers Needed**

The Altar Society needs volunteers to help host the breakfast for our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 3.

Fruit, pans of cinnamon rolls, and day-of volunteers are needed. See Maria Blake with any questions: 712-215-5426.

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule - please sign up by Friday, May 1.



Patty Laughlin	May 1st
Karen Clark	May 2nd
Blaine Maher	May 3rd
Madonna Smith	May 8th
Kathy Doyle	May 9th
Judi Wischik	May 13th
Matt Driver	May 13th
Finn Martin	May 16th
Trish Delehant	May 19th
Sam Martin	May 22nd
Janet Shough	May 23rd
Jade Molnar	May 24th
James Doyle	May 25th
Caleb Owens	May 25th
Annie Silvertson	May 26th
George Speichinger	May 26th
Seth Hughes	May 27th
Amy Williams	May 29th
Taryn Berglund	May 30th
Diane Dinville	May 31st
Mary Speichinger	May 31st



**Want a copy
 of the
 Sunday
 Homily?**

Meet at the Ambo after Mass to pick up a printed copy.

Altar Society Feb. Meeting | Parish Hall | 4.12.26

Officers in Attendance: Kathy Harbor, President | Vickie Williams, Vice-President | Mary Speichinger Sect/Treasurer

Members in Attendance: Officers, Maria Blake, Ida Ekpai, Breanna Christiansen, Judi (Doyle) Wishchik, Patty Baran, JoAnn Cheney, Regina Forney, Peggy Martin, Kari Kinsella, Therese Sunderman

Minutes Recorded:

Minutes from the March meeting approved as posted in the bulletin.

Treasurer's Report:Checking - as of 3/31/26

Checking - \$3,288.44 (previous month 2,537.17)

Savings - \$9964.53 (no change from previous month)

Correspondence:

Received: Thank you from Rachel Kinsella for her St. Patrick logo pillow, and a thank you from Jackie Hughes for her Easter Lily.

Sent: Sympathy card sent to the family of Mark McGargill & mass requested.

Mary S. moved to accept treasurer report, Kathy H seconded.

Old Business:

- **Easter Vigil Reception:** Mary S will add a note in the Altar Society binder to check each year whether a reception to welcome new members into the church is needed. Maryanne, Kathy, and Genene covered this year.
- **Easter Lily retrospective:** Seemed to go well. 30 lilies ordered this year. No suggested changes for next year.
- **Senior Scholarship update:** 2 have been received so far. Funds are to go toward your future – not limited to college or trade school, but applications must be submitted. We're rooting for you, seniors! Get those apps in!

New Business:

- **Church cleaning rescheduled for Saturday, April 25.** Mary S asked Maryanne to put a note in the bulletin.
- **May Crowning/Senior Breakfast** = May 3: Maria Blake and Peggy organizing and providing breakfast casseroles; Peggy donating the eggs. . Mary S will create sign-ups for fruit and cinnamon rolls, as well as day-of-help as previously discussed, to better support this event and place in the vestibule.
- **Future of Altar Society:** Still looking for officers next year. It's a 1-2 hour commitment per month as an officer and allows our church to keep fellowship events – like coffee/donuts, the Turkey Shoot, special receptions, youth outreach, and more – running smoothly and thoughtfully. Alternatives may be restructuring the AS and increasing the Parish Council instead to cover what the Altar Society would have. Men are also welcome to join. Suggestion made to combine Nov/Dec committees to cover Turkey Shoot next year. A decision will be made at the next meeting for next year, and if no officers step forward, we may explore a restructuring. Please let Kathy or Vickie know if you would like to be an officer!

Mary S moved to adjourn the meeting & Kathy seconded. The meeting was closed with a Hail Mary.

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 10 in the church hall.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Speichinger



*St. Mary's
Annual Salad Bar Luncheon*

*Thursday, May 7, 2026
11am-1pm*

Featuring:

*Signature Chicken & Rice Casserole
Spring Salads
Assorted Desserts
Iced Tea & Coffee*

\$12.00 or Free Will Donations

*Parish Hall Dining or Carry Out
512 W. Thomas, Shenandoah*

*Proceeds support the church and community projects.
All are welcome!*

A poster for a "Kenyan Experience" event. The background is a collage of travel-related items: a map of Africa, a brown hat, a camera, a smartphone, a camera lens, a film strip, and playing cards (King of Hearts, King of Spades, Queen of Spades, Queen of Hearts). A dashed line with an airplane icon traces a path across the map. The text is as follows: "KENYAN EXPERIENCE" in large, bold, green and brown letters. Below it, in smaller text: "Join the travelers as they share their adventures in Kenya. Sample Kenyan cuisine, learn about projects, and Q&A session." Then, "SATURDAY, MAY 2ND" in large green letters, followed by "5PM MASS" and "6PM CHURCH POTLUCK DINNER" in brown letters. At the bottom, "ST. MARY'S-RED OAK" in large, bold, brown letters.

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