

APRIL 26, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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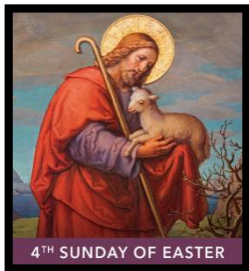
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Mission Statement-Aware of our rich Catholic tradition we strive to keep Jesus as the center of our worship and life.

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

	Saturday April 25	Sunday April 26	Sunday May 3	Saturday May 9	Sunday May 10
Lector	Rick Dailey	A. Gutschenritter	Graduating Seniors	Tom Dinville	Peggy Martin
EME	Kathy Harbor	John Martin	Tom Martin	Genene Fienup	Amy Gutschenritter
EME		Sarah Martin	Dan Kinsella		Joe Cheney
EME		Tom Martin	Jim Martin		Aaron Molnar
Server		Addie Christensen	YFF		Caroline Campbell
Server		Finn Martin	YFF		Jonathan Ekpai
Server		Ethan Laughlin	YFF		Madeleine Ekpai
Gifts	Tim & Sarah Martin	Raphael & Ida Ekpai Family	YFF	Kim & Becky Hughes	Joe & Amy Gutschenritter
Usher	Tim Martin	Ken Forney	YFF	Bernie Hughes	Sam McGargill
Usher	Bernie Hughes	Trevor Christensen	YFF	Kim Hughes	Quinn Maher
Usher	George McGargill	Jim Gutschenritter	YFF	Becky Hughes	Dan Martin
Usher	Aaron Molnar	Joe Gutschenritter	YFF	Bill Ditmars	Jared Speichinger
Greeters	Rick & Maryanne Dailey	Henry Martin	YFF	Bernie Hughes	Joe & JoAnn Cheney
Streaming		Nora Martin	Kari Kinsella		Rita Laughlin
Sacristan	Genene Fienup	Jim Martin	Tom Martin	Genene Fienup	Aaron Molnar

Mass Intention

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 **Sun. May 3:** Our Graduating Seniors **Tues. May 5:** +Mae Maher and +Emmette Maher
Thurs. May 7: +Marty & +Margaret Laughlin **Sat. May 9:** +Mark McGargill & +Helen Lewis **Sun. May 10:** +Tom Flynn

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter
John 10:1-10

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "**I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep.**" (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: "**He is out of his mind.**"

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— *Father John Muir*

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**The number of people who entered the Catholic Church this year during the Easter Vigil
in the Des Moines Diocese.....400!!**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life.

2026 marks the **63rd Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Our Gifts to God: 4/19

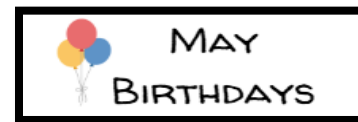
Plate: \$317.80 Tithes: \$135.00
 Children: \$16.00 Masses: \$40.00

**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

Change of Mass Time – Thursday, April 30

Mass will be at **8:30am**, not 6pm.

Father will be attending the
 Shenandoah Pregnancy & Resource Center
 Dinner.

Altar Society

The next meeting is May 10th.

St. Mary's – Shenandoah

Annual Salad Bar Luncheon

Thursday, May 7th

11am – 1pm



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

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



Congratulations to our 3rd group who recently completed Alpha.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Sons & Daughters of Imogene
Irish Rose Forest
 Imogene, Iowa

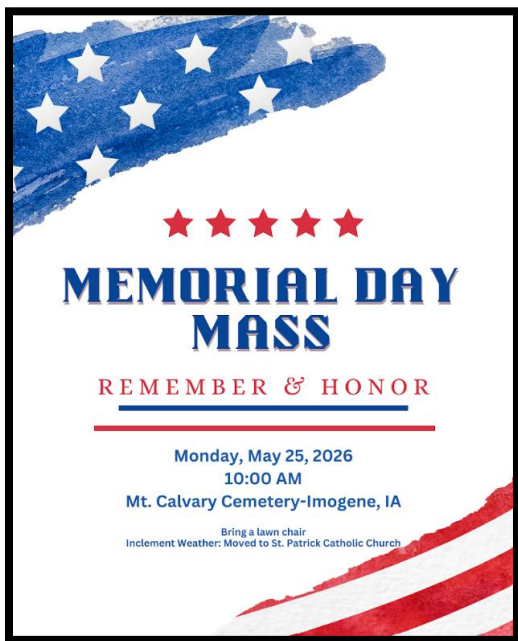
4:30PM Rose Planting
 5:00PM Meal

SEAT AT THE
TABLE

A Mental Health Awareness Event

We believe in the power of coming together to share a meal. Let's connect and build community over a shared love of food, fellowship, and foliage. Burgers & Hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share with your neighbors.

All are Welcome to Attend



Mary's Month of May

In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22, but May remained the month of Mary. However, dedicating an entire month to Mary is not a new tradition. One precursor is the medieval practice of the “Tricesimum,” also called “Lady Month.” This was a 30-day devotion to Mary that usually took place from August through September.

What are the current Marian feast days in May? There are many, but the two most prominent are the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13) and the Visitation (May 31).

How can we honor Mary this month?

A traditional devotion during Mary's month is the May crowning. Children crown a statue of Mary with flowers, usually roses, symbolizing Mary's role as queen of heaven and earth. This is one way we can demonstrate our honor of the Blessed Mother.

But there are many other ways we can show our devotion to Mary: praying the Rosary or even wearing the Miraculous Medal or Scapular. This month, consider some ways you can incorporate a special Marian devotion into your life.

**Please join us 15 minutes before weekend Masses in May
as we pray the Rosary to honor Mary.**

Leading the rosary:

Sun. May 3rd – Andy Campbell

Sat. May 9th – Tom Dinville

Sun. May 10th – Tom Martin

Sun. May 17th – Jerry McDonald

Sat. May 23rd – Dianne Head

Sun. May 24th – John Martin

Sun. May 31st – Jim Martin

(if you're not able to lead the rosary, please contact Peggy 712-386-2188)