

# May 17, 2026

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### FATHER LAZARUS KIRIGIA - PASTOR

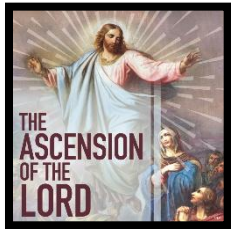
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Mission Statement-Aware of our rich Catholic tradition we strive to keep Jesus as the center of our worship and life.

*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 May 17	Saturday May 23	Sunday May 24	Sunday May 31
<b>Lector</b>	Sarah Martin	Jake McGargill	Tom Martin	Jake McGargill
<b>EME</b>	John Martin	Kathy Harbor	Bridget Campbell	A. Gutschenritter
<b>EME</b>	Sarah Martin		Dan Kinsella	Joe Cheney
<b>EME</b>	Tom Martin		Jim Martin	Aaron Molnar
<b>Server</b>	Nora Martin		Lillie Martin	John Martin
<b>Server</b>	Devon Gutschenritter		Ruthie Martin	Ellie Kinsella
<b>Server</b>	Ethan Nelson		Finn Martin	Caroline Gutschenritter
<b>Gifts</b>	Kathy Harbor	Donnie & Tara Doyle	Dan & Kari Kinsella	Jim Martin Family
<b>Usher</b>	Paul Blake	George McGargill	James Doyle	Joe Gutschenritter
<b>Usher</b>	Gerard Brannen	Tim Martin	Raphael Ekpai	Dan Kinsella
<b>Usher</b>	Andy Campbell	Donnie Doyle	Ken Forney	Trevor Christensen
<b>Usher</b>	Joe Cheney	Aaron Molnar	Jim Gutschenritter	Jim Martin
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim Martin Family	Zeb & Jenny Burkhiser	Dan & Kari Kinsella	James & Melonie Doyle
<b>Streaming</b>	Maryanne Dailey		Maryanne D.	Kari Kinsella
<b>Sacristan</b>	Joe Cheney	Jake McGargill	Joe Cheney	Jim Martin

#### Mass Intention

**Sun. May 17:** Happy Retirement Fr. Leahey **Tues. May 19:** +Dwight Smith & The 2026 Class at Lourdes Central Catholic

**Thurs. May 21:** +Tom Breedlove **Sat. May 23:** +Justin Owens **Sun. May 24:** +Ryan Skalberg

**Mon. May 25:** Deceased members of the parish **Tues. May 26:** +Jerry & +Pat Head

**Thurs. May 28:** +Michael David Connors

## THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

We have heard this final command of Jesus: *Go and make disciples of all nations*. The Gospel is not to remain within the small group of disciples. They have to move out of where they are in order to reach *the whole world*. Without doubt, these words were enthusiastically being heeded when Christians were in full expansion, and their communities were multiplying all over the Empire. But how do we listen to them today when we see ourselves powerless even to retain those who are leaving our churches because they feel they no longer need our religion?

The first thing to do is to live from the very start with absolute trust in God's action. This is what Jesus taught us. God keeps working with infinite love on the hearts and consciences of all God's sons and daughters, though we may consider them "lost sheep." Any crisis does not block God. God is not waiting for us to set in motion, starting from the Church, our plans of restoration or our projects of innovation. God keeps acting in the Church and outside of the Church. No one lives abandoned by God, though they may have never heard anyone speak of Jesus' Gospel.

But all this does not dispense us from our responsibility. We have to start asking ourselves new questions: Along which pathways is God walking to find men and women of modern culture? How does he want to make present the Good News of Jesus to the men and women of our day?

We have to ask ourselves something else, too: What invitations is God sending to us to transform our traditional form of thinking, expressing, celebrating, and incarnating the Christian faith so that we may facilitate God's action within modern culture? Do we not run the risk, with our inaction and stagnation, of becoming the restraint and the cultural obstacle to the incarnation of the Gospel in contemporary society?

No one knows what the Christian faith will look like in the emerging new world, but it is unlikely to be a "clone" of the past. The Gospel has the power to usher in a new Christianity.

*Have a Blessed Week, Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.*

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **CHURCH PICNIC**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22nd**

**MASS IS AT 4PM**

**The picnic will begin after Mass (approx. 5:30pm)**

**Our Gifts to God: 5/9 and 5/10**

Plate: \$2666.50                      Tithes: \$190.00  
 Children: \$25.00                      Masses: \$40.00  
 Votives: \$617.96  
 Catholic Charities: \$431.00  
 Monroe Township Mowing: \$1200.00

**Annual Priest Retreat  
 No Daily Mass**

There will be no Mass on Tues. June 2<sup>nd</sup> or Thurs. June 4<sup>th</sup> as Fr. Lazarus will be attending the annual priest retreat.

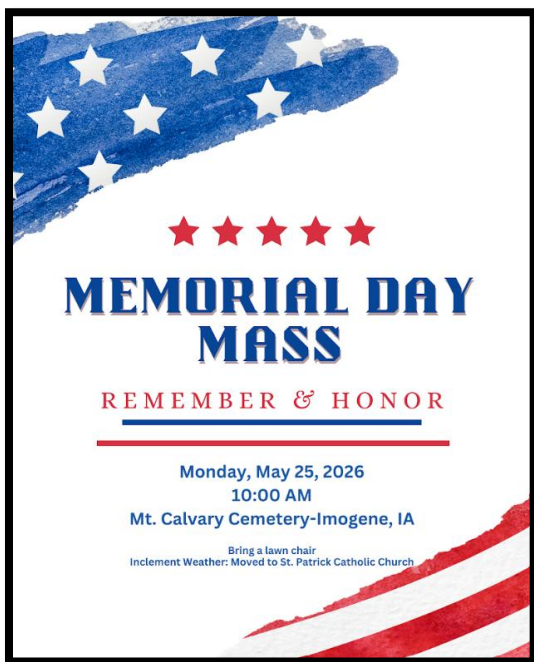
He will be leaving the evening of Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and returning on Friday, June 5.

There will be no Mass on Tuesday, June 2 or Thursday, June 4.

**Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held this Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, after Mass.

**Altar Society Meeting – Today**  
 Downstairs after Mass.



We are looking for people to help with the liturgical assignments for our Memorial Day Mass at the cemetery. The sign up sheet is on the table in the vestibule.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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

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



**Leading the rosary:**

**Sun. May 17<sup>th</sup> – Jerry McDonald**

**Sat. May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dianne Head**

**Sun. May 24<sup>th</sup> – John Martin**

**Sun. May 31<sup>st</sup> – Jim Martin**

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

St. Patrick Finance Council Minutes  
April 23, 2026

Dan Kinsella opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:10 pm. Attending were Fr. Lazarus Rita Laughlin, Ken Forney, Dan Kinsella, Rick Dailey and Genene Fienup. Absent Becky Hughes and Jim Martin. Also attending Maryanne Dailey.

It was mentioned the third ALPHA group had successfully wrapped up recently. Thank you to those that make this happen. We would like for this to continue in our parish.

Good things are happening in the Catholic Church. The Des Moines Diocese had 400 people join the church during the Easter Service. It was discussed advertising on KMA. Sons & Daughters will host on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Irish Rose Forest a Mental Health Awareness Event open to the public.

The sidewalks were repaired during the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> by Avery Martin and crew.

A suggestion was made to have a capital campaign committee. There are many projects that need to be addressed – Faith Center update, kitchen update to industrial refrigerator, stoves and ovens. Upstairs restroom in the church and east side of the church for handicap parking. Rectory bids for repairs and remodel.

Rita will submit a grant for a new sound system from an Omaha Company FORTE, with assistive listening technology and sound systems.

Financials were received and reviewed.

Discussed a community fund to help someone in distress be it grocery, utility bill, fuel etc. Outreach committee to be contacted. It was also suggested to include a Fareway card in Christmas food baskets.

Father Linus will be the contact person going forward for money going to Africa for projects.

The next meeting to be held with a date to be determined.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Genene Fienup