

May 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**** www.facebook.com/stpatrickimogeneiowa

	Sunday May 3	Saturday May 9	Sunday May 10	Sunday May 17
Lector	Graduating Seniors	Tom Dinville	Peggy Martin	Sarah Martin
EME	Tom Martin	Genene Fienup	Amy Gutschenritter	John Martin
EME	Dan Kinsella		Joe Cheney	Sarah Martin
EME	Jim Martin		Aaron Molnar	Tom Martin
Server	YFF		Caroline Campbell	Nora Martin
Server	YFF		Jonathan Ekpai	Devon Gutschenritter
Server	YFF		Madeleine Ekpai	Ethan Nelson
Gifts	YFF	Kim & Becky Hughes	Joe & Amy Gutschenritter	Kathy Harbor
Usher	YFF	Bernie Hughes	Sam McGargill	Paul Blake
Usher	YFF	Kim Hughes	Quinn Maher	Gerard Brannen
Usher	YFF	Becky Hughes	Dan Martin	Andy Campbell
Usher	YFF	Bill Ditmars	Jared Speichinger	Joe Cheney
Greeters	YFF	Bernie Hughes	Joe & JoAnn Cheney	Jim Martin Family
Streaming	Kari Kinsella		Rita Laughlin	Maryanne Dailey
Sacristan	Tom Martin	Genene Fienup	Aaron Molnar	Joe Cheney

Mass Intention

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 **Tues. May 12:** +Lynn Mitchell and +Gary Maher **Thurs. May 14:** +Jerry & +Pat Head

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter
John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, “**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**” (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He *is* the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

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Our Gifts to God: 4/25 & 4/26

Plate: \$1658.00 Tithes: \$100.00
 Children: \$7.00 Masses: \$20.00
 Donuts: \$78.42 NCYC Breakfast: \$725.00
 Catholic Mutual Relief: \$28,046.46

Altar Society

UPDATED MEETING DATE

The next meeting is May 17. It was originally listed in the bulletin as May 10.

Special Collection – May 9/10 Catholic Charities

There is a Diocesan wide second collection next weekend. Catholic Charities serves the people of Southwest Iowa when they find themselves in need of help. From basic needs of food and shelter to programs that lead to housing, employment and more.

Thank you for your generosity.



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 served.
 Please bring a side or dessert to share with your neighbors.
All are Welcome to Attend



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

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



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 3rd – Andy Campbell

Sat. May 9th – Tom Dinville

Sun. May 10th – Tom Martin

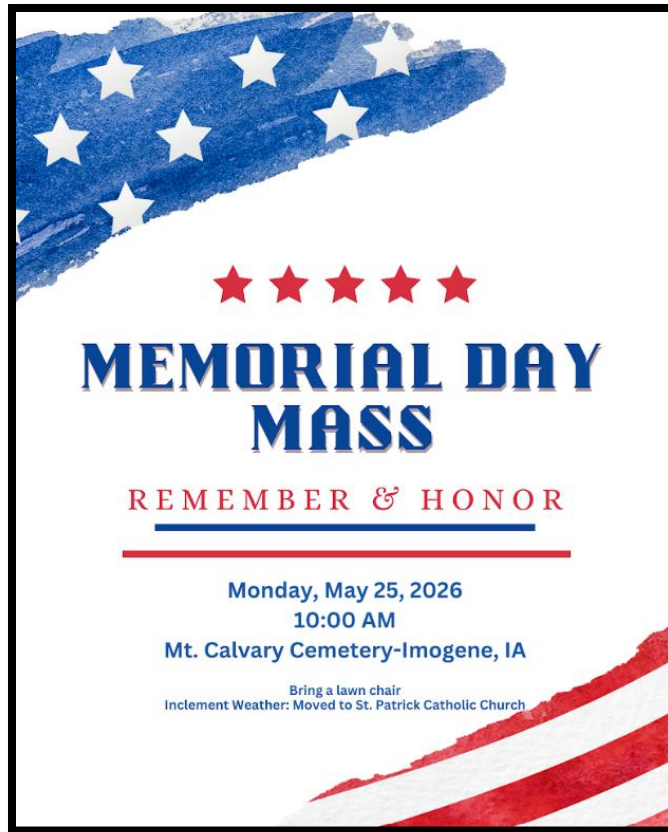
Sun. May 17th – Jerry McDonald

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)*



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MEMORIAL DAY MASS

REMEMBER & HONOR

Monday, May 25, 2026
10:00 AM
Mt. Calvary Cemetery-Imogene, IA

Bring a lawn chair
Inclement Weather: Moved to St. Patrick Catholic Church



*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!*

CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2026

Johnathan Ekpai

Son of Raphael & Ida Ekpai

Ellie Kinsella

Daughter of Dan & Kari Kinsella

Ethan Laughlin

Son of Jerry & Heather Laughlin

John Martin

Son of Jim & Kari Martin

Nora Martin

Daughter of Tom & Sarah Martin

✝ *Blessing for Our Graduates* ✝

May God's blessing follow you all as you find new journeys to travel.

May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams.

May his gentle hand guide the decisions you will make and the passions that you follow.

May you feel God close to you in every hour of joy and pain.

May your hearts and lives always reflect his love and truth,

And may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day.

Amen.



2026 Senior Breakfast

**Join us downstairs after Mass today
for a breakfast honoring our five
graduating Seniors.**

**Graduates and their families are guests of
the Altar Society.**

All are welcome to this breakfast - free will offering

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

04/16/26

The Pastoral Council met on Thursday April 16th, in the church hall. Meeting opened with the Our Father led by Father Lazarus at 6:35PM. Present were Father Lazarus, Aaron Molner, Maryanne Dailey, Joe Chaney, Jerry Laughlin, Susie McDonald, Mary Maher, Joe Gutschenritter.

Old Business: First annual Easter Egg Hunt was a great success! We are planning to do every year going forward.

- **Liturgy**---Holy Week liturgical assignments next year, Jerry suggested assigning parishioners for the various liturgical assignments. He had a difficult time filling all the liturgical assignments.
- **Grounds**—Church cleanup was held on April 12th. Thank you to everyone who helped.
- **Outreach**--- Mike Connely, a parishioner from St Mary's in Red Oak, will give a presentation about his experience of being part of the NYFD during September 11th. The presentation will be in Imogene. The presentation will be in September. More details to follow.

The final Alpha session for our 3rd group is Sunday April 19th.

- **Fatih Formation**—NCYC breakfast will be held on Sunday April 19th.
- **Stewardship**— Nothing to Report
- **Other Items:** -- Maryanne is currently working on the parish pictorial directory.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday May 21st, at 6:35 P.M.

Jerry moved to adjourn, Joe seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Father closed the meeting by leading the Glory Be.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie McDonald