

JUNE 7, 2026

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 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 June 7	Saturday June 13	Sunday June 14	Sunday June 21
Lector	Maria Blake	Rick Dailey	Amy Gutschenritter	Abby Martin
EME	John Martin	Sandy Bugg	Bridget Campbell	A. Gutschenritter
EME	Sarah Martin		Dan Kinsella	Joe Cheney
EME	Tom Martin		Jim Martin	Aaron Molnar
Server	Ethan Laughlin		Nora Martin	Caroline Campbell
Server	Devon Gutschenritter		Ethan Nelson	Jonathan Ekpai
Server	Addie Christensen		Caroline Gutschenritter	Finn Martin
Gifts	Raphael & Ida Ekpai	Bugg Grandchildren	Tom & Sarah Martin	Marge McDonald
Usher	Darwin Bugg	Bill Ditmars	James Doyle	Joe Gutschenritter
Usher	Sandy Bugg	Bernie Hughes	Rapheal Ekpai	Dan Kinsella
Usher	Andy Campbell	Quinn Maher	Ken Forney	Trevor Christensen
Usher	Joe Cheney	Donnie Doyle	Jim Gutschenritter	Jim Martin
Greeters	James & Melonie Doyle	Bill & Pam Ditmars	Aaron Molnar	Jerry Laughlin
Streaming	Nora Martin		Rita Laughlin	Maryanne Dailey
Sacristan	Jake McGargill	Genene Fienup	Joe Cheney	Jim Martin

Mass Intention

Sun. June 7: +Arlene Ditmars Franks **Tues. June 9:** +Beth McGargill **Thurs. June 11:** +Clarence Kudron

Sat. June 13: 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass for Darwin & Sandy Bugg **Sun. June 14:** Members of the parish

Tues. June 16: +Dwight Smith **Thurs. June 18:** +Michelle and +Linda Laughlin **Sun. June 21:** +Jerry & +Pat Head

Tues. June 23: Thanksgiving for Connie & Les Skalberg **Thurs. June 25:** +Helen Lewis and + Michael David Connors

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 7, 2026

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

John 6:51-58

When I was a young altar server, I once overheard two very different comments about the Eucharist. One person asked, “Is Father distributing the bread or the wine?” Later, another asked, “Can you go get Jesus from the tabernacle?” Same parish, same Mass, but two very different ways of speaking. I pondered: So, is it bread that we pretend is Jesus? Or is Jesus a tiny white thing in a box? I was utterly confused.

This Feast of Corpus Christi is an excellent time to think about how we should speak about the Eucharist. In today’s Gospel, Jesus declares: “**My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.**” (John 6:55) His words scandalized his listeners, who feared cannibalism, and even today puzzle many, who reduce them to metaphor. Both miss the truth.

The Church gives us better words that honor Jesus’ words in the Gospel. After the consecration, we do not call it “bread” or “wine.” Nor do we say, “a piece of Jesus” or even “Jesus.” We say: *the Eucharist*. We say: *the Body and Blood of Christ*. We say: *the Real Presence*. We say: *the Most Blessed Sacrament*. These words safeguard the astonishing reality that Christ himself is truly present, whole and entire, under the appearances of bread and wine.

If we speak well about the Eucharist, we will think more clearly and believe more deeply. And if we believe more deeply, we will adore more truly the One who gives himself to us — not bread, not wine, but Jesus Christ himself, whole and entire.

— *Father John Muir*

HERITAGE GARDEN HELPERS



We are looking for people to sign up to help “keep an eye” on the Heritage Garden for the next few months.

We noticed last year that the Heritage Garden looked a little “weedy”. We are hoping to get a few people each month to simply pull the weeds, pick up sticks and prune the rose bushes (if you know how).

If there are people paying attention to how it looks each month, we think it will be much easier to keep it looking nice.

This was Margaret’s special project and we want to honor her by making sure it always looks beautiful.



The sign up sheet is on the table in the vestibule.



Our Gifts to God: 5/31

Plate: \$593.00 Tithes: \$109.00
 Children: \$3.00

Notice

There is no longer a 6:30am Sunday Mass at St. Mary's in Shenandoah.

Card Shower

Let's shower them with congratulations and good wishes!



Sandy & Darwin Bugg will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11th.

You can mail a card to:
 Sandy & Darwin Bugg
 3672 260th St.
 Farragut, IA 51639



Augustus Martin	Jun 2nd
Matthew Regan	Jun 3rd
Karen Gutschenritter	Jun 4th
Colleen Gipe	Jun 7th
Levi McDonald	Jun 7th
George Martin	Jun 10th
Jane Gutschenritter	Jun 12th
Moses Ekpai	Jun 12th
Becca Castle Laughlin	Jun 13th
Jordan Miller	Jun 15th
Janae Anderson	Jun 16th
Danny Kinsella	Jun 16th
Caroline Campbell	Jun 19th
Callie Berglund	Jun 19th
Maria Blake	Jun 20th
Hannah Forney	Jun 20th
Grayson Laughlin	Jun 20th
Adelaide Christensen	Jun 23rd
Brock Owens	Jun 24th
Avery Berglund	Jun 24th
Veronica Lorimor	Jun 26th
Bridgett Campbell	Jun 26th
Joe Cheney	Jun 27th
Becky Head	Jun 29th

Special Collection TODAY

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

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**HAPPY PRIESTLY
ORDINATION
ANNIVERSARY**
JUNE 8


Thank you for answering your vocation call.
We are so blessed to have you as our pastor.



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“ I NEED NOTHING BUT GOD, AND TO LOSE MYSELF IN THE HEART OF GOD. ”



- ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – May 18, 2026

The Pastoral Council met on Thursday May 21st, in the church hall. Meeting opened with the Our Father led by Father Lazarus at 6:45PM. Present were Father Lazarus, Aaron Molnar, Maryanne Dailey, Joe Cheney, Susie McDonald, Mary Maher, Jim Gutschenritter, Regina Loehr.

Welcome Regina Loehr---New Council Member

Old Business: Discussion of Parish Picnic will be on August 22nd.

New Business:

- **Liturgy**---Nothing to Report
- **Grounds**—Due to the storm, there will be removal of some trees. Also, will check the conditions of the other trees on the property.
- **Outreach**--- Nothing to Report
- **Fatih Formation**—Please see below
- **Stewardship**— Nothing to Report
- **Other Items:** -- Nothing to Report

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday June 18th, at 6:35 P.M.

Aaron moved to adjourn, Maryanne seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Father closed the meeting by leading the Glory Be.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie McDonald

Adult Faith Formation

- 3rd Cohort of Alpha ended in April with 15 completing the course –
- 4th Cohort will be in 2027 on Wednesday evenings (TBA)
- 2 active Discipleship groups in the parish
- Exploring a bible study option for the Fall-but trying to figure out a way to do it without outside of meeting time reading. There has also been interest in offering a Journey of Faith option again.

Youth Faith Formation

- HS students participated in Alpha Youth from January-April 2026, and 7 completed the course
- Diocese is starting the transition of Confirmation from 10th grade to 6th grade by 2030.
- Extending the class time by 15 minutes on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 for the 2026-2027 YFF year. Then, NCYC Breakfast days there will not be YFF class.

- Sunday, April 18, 2027 is First Communion with 3 communicants anticipated. Zeb Burkhiser will be leading the sacramental prep
- Exploring a more Youth Ministry approach to High School Faith Formation: Adoration, Service, Sacred Text,

NCCL: The Board of Education chose to opt out of the Children & Worship portion of the NCCL project due to lack of parent participation received on the survey that was sent out via email to all parents with kids age 0-6th grade. Attended the 4 webinar series they had, and will try to incorporate some ideas to help youth & parents see the liturgy as the start/basis of catechesis. The Children & Prayer portion of the NCCL project will provide 2 themed prayer resources a month for grades 1-6 starting in August. Then, 0-5 year old prayer resources they will look at providing the following year. This project goes until 2029 & we will continue to participate in this project.

Building: Two contractors looked at the Youth Faith Formation building to give bids to convert one of the classrooms into a meeting space. Bids have not been received.

Thanks,

Rita Laughlin