

AUGUST 2, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



MASSSES – 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	Sunday
	Aug. 2	Aug. 8	Aug. 9	Aug. 16
Lector	Abby Martin	Jake McGargill	Peggy Martin	Sarah Martin
EME	A. Gutschenritter	Kathy Harbor	John Martin	Bridget Campbell
EME	Joe Cheney		Sarah Martin	Dan Kinsella
EME	Aaron Molnar		Tom Martin	Jim Martin
Server	Caroline Campbell		Madeleine Ekpai	Devon Gutschenritter
Server	Lillie Martin		Caroline Gutschenritter	Ethan Nelson
Server	Ruthie Martin		Addie Christensen	Finn Martin
Gifts	Ekpai Family	Bill & Pam Ditmars	Joe & Amy Gutschenritter	Kathy Harbor
Usher	Sam McGargill	Bill Ditmars	Darwin Bugg	James Doyle
Usher	Quinn Maher	Bernie Hughes	Sandy Bugg	Raphael Ekpai
Usher	Paul Blake	Aaron Molnar	Andy Campbell	Ken Forney
Usher	Gerard Brannen	Donnie Doyle	Joe Cheney	Jim Gutschenritter
Greeters	Henry Martin	Aaron Molnar	Jerry Laughlin	James & Melonie Doyle
Streaming	Rita Laughlin		Rita Laughlin	Maryanne D
Sacristan	Joe Cheney	Tara Doyle	Tom Martin	Aaron Molnar

Mass Intention

Sun. Aug 2: +Michael David Conners **Tues. Aug. 4:** +Tom Breedlove **Thurs. Aug. 6:** +Jerry & +Pat Head

Sat. Aug. 8: +LaVonn Kudron **Sun. Aug. 9:** Members of the parish **Tues. Aug. 11:** +Michelle & +Linda Laughlin

Thurs. Aug. 13: +Justin Owens **Sun. Aug. 16:** +Dwight Smith **Tues. Aug. 18:** +Helen Lewis

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 14:13-21

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **"When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir

Mass Intentions

One of the greatest gifts we can offer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for someone we love. A Mass intention may be requested:

- In memory of someone who has died
- For the healing of someone who is ill
- In thanksgiving for blessings received
- For birthdays, anniversaries, or other special intentions

If you would like to request a Mass intention, please place your request in an envelope and write the following on the outside:

- The name of the person or intention for whom the Mass is to be offered
- Your preferred Mass date (if you have one)

A \$10 Mass stipend is the customary offering and is appreciated, but it is not required.

Please submit your request at least one month in advance of your desired date. Every effort will be made to honor your requested date.

Envelopes may be:

- Given to Peggy Martin
- Placed in the collection basket during Mass

Our Gifts to God: 7/25 & 7/26

Plate: \$2697.00 Tithes: \$210.00
Building Fund: \$200.00 Streets: \$25.00

Welcome to St. Patrick Church in Imogene

We're happy you're here today! Whether you're visiting for the weekend or just stopping in on your travels, we hope you feel the joy and hospitality of our parish. Join us, sing with us, pray with us and know you're always welcome to come back to worship with us!

Parish Prayer Net

*"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart."
— St. Padre Pio*

Our Parish Prayer Net is a dedicated group of parishioners who faithfully pray for those in need. Whether someone is facing surgery, grieving the loss of a loved one, experiencing an illness, or simply going through a difficult time, our prayer team is ready to lift them up in prayer.

Would You Like to Join the Prayer Net?

If you would like to become part of our Parish Prayer Net and pray for others in need, simply email the church secretary at stpatsimogene@gmail.com. Whenever a prayer request is received, you will receive an email with the person's name and prayer intention so you can keep them in your prayers.

Need Prayers?

If you or someone you know would like to be included in our Prayer Net, simply email the church secretary with the person's name and prayer intention.

Altar Society Meeting Sunday, Aug. 16th

The Altar Society will meet downstairs after Mass on Sunday, Aug. 16th. All are invited.



Ken Forney	Aug 3rd
Henry Martin	Aug 3rd
Ethan Nelson	Aug 3rd
Tom Martin	Aug 4th
Kathleen Laughlin	Aug 5th
Tom Leahy	Aug 8th
Shad Smith	Aug 8th
Tim Martin	Aug 9th
JoAnn Cheney	Aug 11th
Ryan Mahoney	Aug 13th
Don Loehr	Aug 14th
Carol Ann Gutschenritter	Aug 17th
Jim Lorimor	Aug 17th
Susie McDonald	Aug 18th
Kari Martin	Aug 18th
Stephanie Martin	Aug 18th
Father Lazarus Kirigia	Aug 20th
Jenny Burkhiser	Aug 23rd
John Williams	Aug 23rd
Jerry Laughlin	Aug 25th
Zeb Burkhiser	Aug 26th
Alex Laughlin	Aug 27th
Kathy Regan	Aug 27th
Peggy Hill	Aug 30th
Kaitlin Allen	Aug 30th

Youth Faith Formation Registration is open for all 3 year olds through 12th grade. Classes begin Sunday, September 13th from 9:45-10:45am in the Faith Formation building.

Please register your children online



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or paper registrations are available in the vestibule of the church.

If you have any questions, please contact Rita Laughlin at stpatsimogeneyff@gmail.com or 402.681.7253.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, we will be collecting donations to assist earthquake victims in Venezuela, which was recently devastated by quakes stronger than they have experienced in over a century. Archbishop Castillo of Caracas Diocese of Venezuela has reached out to the Diocese of Des Moines seeking financial support asking us to "show that faith translates into fraternal love during this traumatic incident". The structural losses associated with the earthquakes are nearly unimaginable. But the loss of more than 1700 lives and injuries to thousands of victims are even more devastating to the individuals remaining.

Help support earthquake relief efforts!



SONS & DAUGHTERS OF IMOGENE'S

Summer KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

FUN FOR
ALL AGES &
ABILITIES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 IMOGENE BALLFIELD 6:00PM
10:00PM

4-TEAM CO-ED TOURNAMENT

CONCESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT
SONSANDDAUGHTERSOFIMOGENE@GMAIL.COM

ST. PATRICK PARISH

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SATURDAY, AUG. 22 | 5:30 PM

SPORTS PLEX IN SHENANDOAH

Fun games | Kids Activities | Food provided

MASS IN IMOGENE AT 4PM

**YOU DON'T NEED TO BRING
ANYTHING - JUST SHOW UP!**

THE SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE- WE NEED A COUNT OF HOW
MANY PEOPLE PLAN TO ATTEND

Save the Date

25th Anniversary Commemoration 9/11 Presentation

Saturday, September 12, 2026

St. Patrick Imogene - Church Hall

Join us for a special presentation by retired FDNY firefighter
Mike Connolly.

There will be a soup supper following 5pm Mass and the
presentation will begin after the soup suppere.

More details to come.

Harvest Mass

Thursday, September 17, 2026

6pm

Mary Maher Farm

Praying for a SAFE & BOUNTIFUL Harvest
All are welcome!

More details to come.

Mark your calendars and invite your
family & friends!