

JULY 12, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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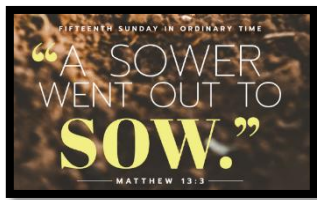
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Mission Statement-Aware of our rich Catholic tradition we strive to keep Jesus as the center of our worship and life.

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 July 11	Sunday July 12	Sunday July 19	Saturday July 25	Sunday July 26
Lector	Tom Dinville	Tom Martin	Maria Blake	Jake McGargill	A. Gutschenritter
EME	Kathy Harbor	Amy Gutschenritter	John Martin	Genene Fienup	Bridget Campbell
EME		Joe Cheney	Sarah Martin		Dan Kinsella
EME		Aaron Molnar	Tom Martin		Jim Martin
Server		Caroline Gutschenritter	Jonathan Ekpai		Addie Christensen
Server		Lillie Martin	Madeleine Ekpai		Ethan Nelson
Server		Ruthie Martin	Nora Martin		Finn Martin
Gifts	Tim & Sarah Martin	Paul & Maria Blake	Bridget & Andy Campbell	Kim & Becky Hughes	Joe & JoAnn Cheney
Usher	Bill Ditmars	Andy Campbell	Ken Forney	Kim Hughes	Trevor Christensen
Usher	Bernie Hughes	Jim Martin	Joe Gutschenritter	Becky Hughes	Tom Martin
Usher	Tim Martin	James Doyle	Jim Gutschenritter	George McGargill	Dan Martin
Usher	Donnie Doyle	Raphael Ekpai	Dan Kinsella	Aaron Molnar	
Greeters	Bill & Pam Ditmars	Joe & JoAnn Cheney	Jim Martin Family	Zeb & Jenny Burkhisier	Dan & Kari Kinsella Family
Streaming		Nora Martin	Maryanne D.		Kari Kinsella
Sacristan	Zeb Burkhisier	Aaron Molnar	Jake McGargill	Genene Fienup	Jim Martin

Mass Intention

Sat. July 11: John & Peggy Martin **Sun. July 12:** +Margaret & +Marty Laughlin **Tues. July 14:** +Dwight Smith and +Helen Lewis

Thurs. July 16: +Justin Owens **Sun. July 19:** +Clarence Kudron **Tues. July 21:** +Jerry & +Pat Head

Thurs. July 23: +Michelle and +Linda Laughlin **Sat. July 25:** Members of the parish

Sun. July 26: +Mark McGargill and +Tom Flynn **Tues. July 28:** +Tom Breedlove and +Helen Lewis

Thurs. July 30: +Jerry & +Pat Head

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13:1-23

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

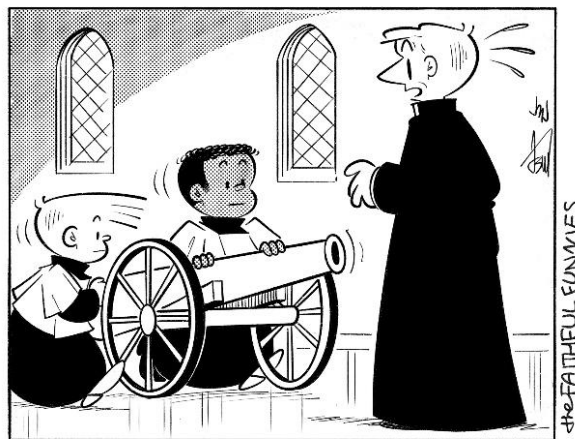
Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

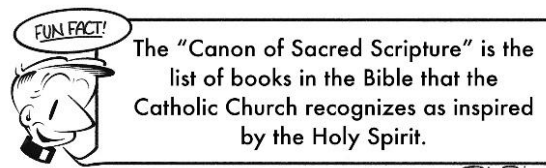
When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— Father John Muir



"Oh no, fellas! I didn't mean THAT kind of canon!"



Our Gifts to God: 7/5

Plate: \$1506.00 Tithes: \$105.00
Children: \$8.00 Masses: \$200.00

Altar Society

The Altar Society monthly committee sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the vestibule. The Altar Society is open to anyone who would like to join. Also, current members should check and make sure we have the phone number that is their best means of contact.

Any questions contact Kathy Harbor

Christ Our Life Conference 2026 Sept. 26-27

Due to generous donors, the conference is offering **FREE ADMISSION** to all those **ages 23 and under**. This is to encourage entire families to join us.

We invite YOU to attend the Christ Our Life Catholic Conference (COL) in 2026 at the Casey Center (Wells Fargo Arena) in Des Moines. Our special breakout sessions are specifically designed to appeal to **TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS**.

And since everything is **MORE FUN WITH FRIENDS**, please share this opportunity with your family, youth ministers, friends, Confirmation program, classmates, and others!
Some churches are even providing **SERVICE HOURS** for your attendance and participation at COL2026!

Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

For tickets and more information:
christourlifeiowa.com/youth

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!



Joe Gutschenritter	July 4th
Declan Maher	July 7th
Mary Anne Johnson	July 9th
Joe Wylie	July 10th
Tom McDonald	July 10th
Thomas Hill	July 11th
Ed Laughlin	July 13th
Tammy Nicholas	July 13th
Ruthie Martin	July 13th
Rita Laughlin	July 16th
Linda Mahoney	July 18th
Jackie Hughes	July 20th
Jonathan Ekpai	July 24th
Kyle Owens	July 26th
Don Delehant	July 27th
Polly Delehant	July 28th
Beckham Miller	July 29th

2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$26,821

Gifts: \$17,825

Amount Due: \$8,996

Thank you to all who have already given. If you have not yet given, you can scan the below QR code or drop a check in the collection basket with "ADA 2026" in the memo.

Thank you for your generosity.



Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe



The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico began an international tour with a Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe as part of the preparation for the 500th anniversary of the apparitions of Mary to St. Juan Diego. The goal is for the Pilgrim Mother to visit every Diocese in the United States before 2031. She will be in our Diocese from July 15 through Sept. 11.

She will be in the following parishes for prayer, veneration, and as an opportunity to encounter Christ and deepen our relationship with him through her.

St. Ambrose Cathedral – From July 15-23 - 607 High St., Des Moines

Our Lady of the Americas – From July 25- Aug. 4 - 1271 E 9th St., Des Moines

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny - From Aug 6- 13 - 510 E. 1st St., Ankeny

St Boniface in Waukee - From Aug. 15-21 - 1200 S. Warrior Lane, Waukee

St. Bernard in Osceola - From Aug. 23 – Sept. 2 - 222 E. Pearl St., Osceola

Corpus Christi in Council Bluffs – From Sept. 4 – 11 - 3304 4th Ave., Council Bluffs

Pilgrims Wanted: 2027 World Youth Day Seoul

The Diocese of Des Moines invites pilgrims from ages 17-39 to participate in the 2027 World Youth Day (WYD) international gathering in Seoul, South Korea.

The **Diocese of Des Moines WYD Seoul** pilgrimage will take place from Tuesday, July 27, through Monday, August 9, 2027. It will include travel days, as well as three days of dedicated time at the local host parish in which pilgrims will participate in “spiritual, cultural, and service activities together with local parishioners.” A special event is tentatively scheduled for pilgrims to visit the Korean Demilitarized Zone, a heavily fortified, 2.5 mile buffer between North Korea and South Korea.

The Iowa pilgrims will then go to Seoul for the international gathering, where they will hear speakers and celebrate Mass with Pope Leo XIV.

If you are interested in joining, sign up by August 31, 2026. For more information, visit **the Diocese of Des Moines WYD Seoul 2027 website**, which includes an overview, a trip itinerary, as well as a way to sign up for the pilgrimage.



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