

JULY 19, 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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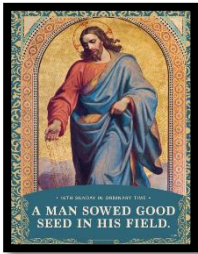
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Mission Statement-Aware of our rich Catholic tradition we strive to keep Jesus as the center of our worship and life.

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.



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
	July 19	July 25	July 26
Lector	Maria Blake	Jake McGargill	A. Gutschenritter
EME	John Martin	Genene Fienup	Bridget Campbell
EME	Sarah Martin		Dan Kinsella
EME	Tom Martin		Jim Martin
Server	Jonathan Ekpai		Addie Christensen
Server	Madeleine Ekpai		Ethan Nelson
Server	Nora Martin		Finn Martin
Gifts	Bridget & Andy Campbell	Kim & Becky Hughes	Joe & JoAnn Cheney
Usher	Ken Forney	Kim Hughes	Trevor Christensen
Usher	Joe Gutschenritter	Becky Hughes	Tom Martin
Usher	Jim Gutschenritter	George McGargill	Dan Martin
Usher	Dan Kinsella	Aaron Molnar	
Greeters	Jim Martin Family	Zeb & Jenny Burkhiser	Dan & Kari Kinsella Family
Streaming	Maryanne D.		Kari Kinsella
Sacristan	Jake McGargill	Genene Fienup	Jim Martin

Mass Intention

Sun. July 19: +Clarence Kudron

Thurs. July 23: +Michelle and +Linda Laughlin

Sun. July 26: +Mark McGargill and +Tom Flynn

Thurs. July 30: +Jerry & + Pat Head

Tues. July 21: +Jerry & +Pat Head

Sat. July 25: Members of the parish

Tues. July 28: +Tom Breedlove and +Helen Lewis

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13:24-43

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. **“It’s supposed to be God’s Kingdom on earth,”** he said, **“but it’s full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can’t the Church just be better?”** That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus’ parables in today’s Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, **“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field,”** yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God’s reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God’s quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church’s flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

*Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds.
Amen.*

— Father John Muir



Our Gifts to God: 7/11 & 7/12

Plate: \$1285.00 Tithes: \$1865.00
Children: \$4.00 Votives: \$222.75
Food Bank: \$80.00

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!

There are several plastic containers downstairs in the kitchen. If you've left a container in the kitchen, please stop downstairs and collect your container by July 31st.



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

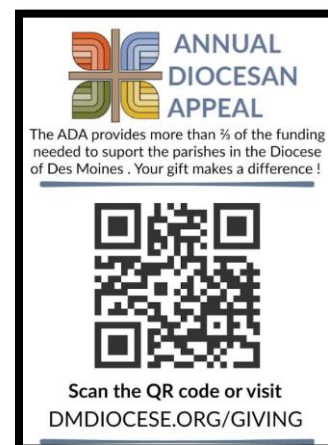
2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

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.



And remember.....Mass is in Imogene at **4pm** the day of the church picnic (Aug. 22).

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.