

JULY 26, 2026

SEVENTEENTH 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.



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	Sunday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
	July 25	July 26	Aug. 2	Aug. 8	Aug. 9
Lector	Jake McGargill	A. Gutschenritter	Abby Martin	Jake McGargill	Peggy Martin
EME	Genene Fienup	Bridget Campbell	A. Gutschenritter	Kathy Harbor	John Martin
EME		Dan Kinsella	Joe Cheney		Sarah Martin
EME		Jim Martin	Aaron Molnar		Tom Martin
Server		Addie Christensen	Caroline Campbell		Madelieine Ekpai
Server		Ethan Nelson	Lillie Martin		Caroline Gutschenritter
Server		Finn Martin	Ruthie Martin		Addie Christensen
Gifts	Kim & Becky Hughes	Joe & JoAnn Cheney	Ekpai Family	Bill & Pam Ditmars	Joe & Amy Gutschenritter
Usher	Kim Hughes	Trevor Christensen	Sam McGargill	Bill Ditmars	Darwin Bugg
Usher	Becky Hughes	Tom Martin	Quinn Maher	Bernie Hughes	Sandy Bugg
Usher	George McGargill	Dan Martin	Paul Blake	Aaron Molnar	Andy Campbell
Usher	Aaron Molnar		Gerard Brannen	Donnie Doyle	Joe Cheney
Greeters	Zeb & Jenny Burkhiser	Dan & Kari Kinsella Family	Henry Martin	Aaron Molnar	Jerry Laughlin
Streaming		Kari Kinsella	Nora Martin		Rita Laughlin
Sacristan	Genene Fienup	Jim Martin	Joe Cheney	Tara Doyle	Tom Martin

Mass Intention

Sat. July 25: Members of the parish

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

Sun. Aug 2: +Michael David Connors

Thurs. Aug. 6: +Jerry & +Pat Head

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

Thurs. July 30: +Jerry & +Pat Head

Tues. Aug. 4: +Tom Breedlove

Sat. Aug. 8: +LaVonn Kudron **Sun. Aug. 9:** Members of the parish

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13:44-52

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— *Father John Muir*



Our Gifts to God: 7/19

Plate: \$306.00

Tithes: \$140.00

Children: \$13.00

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!

What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we *all* need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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

No Mass – Thursday, July 30
Father Lazarus will be out of town, so
there is no Mass on Thursday, July 30th.

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.



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