

JULY 5, 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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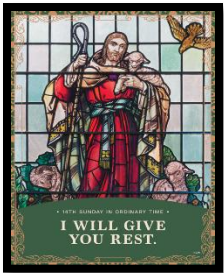
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Mission Statement-Aware of our rich Catholic tradition we strive to keep Jesus as the center of our worship and life.

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

	Sunday July 5	Saturday July 11	Sunday July 12	Sunday July 19
Lector	Sarah Martin	Jake McGargill	Tom Martin	Maria Blake
EME	Bridget Campbell	Kathy Harbor	Amy Gutschenritter	John Martin
EME	Dan Kinsella		Joe Cheney	Sarah Martin
EME	Jim Martin		Aaron Molnar	Tom Martin
Server	John Martin		Caroline Gutschenritter	Jonathan Ekpai
Server	Ellie Kinsella		Lillie Martin	Madeleine Ekpai
Server	Devon Gutschenritter		Ruthie Martin	Nora Martin
Gifts	Zeb & Jenny Burkhiser	Tim & Sarah Martin	Paul & Maria Blake	Bridget & Andy Campbell
Usher	Sam McGargill	Bill Ditmars	Andy Campbell	Ken Forney
Usher	Quinn Maher	Bernie Hughes	Jim Martin	Joe Gutschenritter
Usher	Paul Blake	Tim Martin	James Doyle	Jim Gutschenritter
Usher	Gerard Brannen	Donnie Doyle	Raphael Ekpai	Dan Kinsella
Greeters	Henry Martin	Bill & Pam Ditmars	Joe & JoAnn Cheney	Jim Martin Family
Streaming	Rita Laughlin		Nora Martin	Maryanne D.
Sacristan	Joe Cheney	Zeb Burkhiser	Aaron Molnar	Jake McGargill

Mass Intention

Sun. July 5: Members of the parish

Tues. July 7: +John McDonald

Thurs. July 9: +Tom Breedlove

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 11:25-30

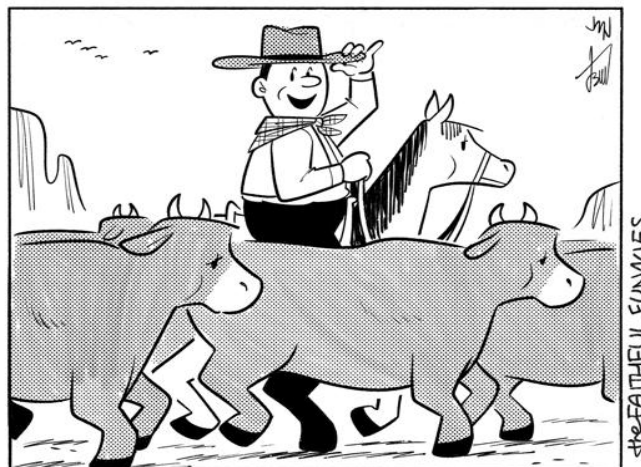
This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today’s Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, **“They took offense at him. Jesus said, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.’”** Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America’s national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— *Father John Muir*



“I’m a ROAMIN’ Catholic.”



The term “Roman Catholic” distinguishes one rite of Catholicism from other rites, like the Maronite Church or the Coptic Church. Roman or Latin Rite Catholics make up the largest group of Catholics.

Our Gifts to God: 6/27 & 6/28

Plate: \$810.75 Tithes: \$140.00
 Children: \$11.00 Hall Rent: \$50.00
 Mission Appeal: \$100.00
 Peter's Pence Collection: \$734.00

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



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

Looking for a Sunday Choir Leader

Our fabulous choir is looking for someone to help lead the choir once a month. Our current choir leaders would like to add another person to their monthly rotation.

If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact
 Susie McDonald (712-370-2701).

17th Annual SHAMROCK DAYS

JULY 10, 2026

6PM-Co-Ed Softball Tournament Begins new games on the hour until 1AM
 Concessions open
 Kids Bounce House & Slip-n-slide

JULY 11, 2026

8AM-5K-ish starts in front of St. Patrick Catholic Church
 8AM-Co-Ed Softball Tournament resumes
 3PM-Kids Ping Pong Ball Drop
 5PM-Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church
 9:45PM-Memorial Lantern Launch & Fireworks
 10:45PM-Championship Game
 Concessions, Kids Bounce House, & Slip-n-slide throughout the duration of the event.

All times subject to change. Check Facebook for updates.

**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

FROM THE
ALTAR
TO THE
STREETS

JULY — THE STRANGER AT THE DOOR

“Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ.”

— Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (2013)

The Gospel challenges us to see beyond labels and first impressions. In welcoming the stranger, we discover that Christ often arrives in unexpected ways.

THIS MONTH'S INVITATION:
Look for an opportunity this month to welcome someone who is new, overlooked, or alone.
Small acts of hospitality often become the deepest acts of love.

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE

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Scan the QR code to discover how Catholic Charities' Community Resource Coordination program helps individuals and families connect with the support they need to thrive.

RECEIVE CHRIST. BE CHRIST. SERVE CHRIST IN OTHERS.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

06/18/26

The Pastoral Council met on Thursday June 18th, in the church hall. Meeting opened with the Our Father led by Father Lazarus at 6:45PM. Present were Father Lazarus, Aaron Molnar, Susie McDonald, Jim Gutschenritter, Regina Loehr and Jerry Laughlin.

Old Business: Plans finalized for the Parish Picnic on August 22nd. Discussion was held needing suggestions for games.

Due to all the recent storms, we might need to replace some trees this fall.

New Business:

- **Liturgy**---Nothing to Report
- **Grounds**— Nothing to report
- **Outreach**--- Nothing to Report
- **Fatih Formation**— Men's group that normally meets the first Wednesday of every month will not be meeting for the summer. Will start meeting again in September.
- **Stewardship**— Nothing to Report
- **Other Items:** -- Nothing to Report

Next Meeting will be held on August 20th, at 6:35 P.M.

Jerry moved to adjourn, Regina seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Father closed the meeting by leading the Glory Be.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie McDonald