

AUGUST 16, 2026

TWENTIETH 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

	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
	Aug. 16	Aug. 22	Aug. 23	Aug. 30
Lector	Sarah Martin	Tom Dinville	Rick Dailey	Jake McGargill
EME	Bridget Campbell	Genene Fienup	A. Gutschenritter	John Martin
EME	Dan Kinsella		Joe Cheney	Sarah Martin
EME	Jim Martin		Aaron Molnar	Tom Martin
Server	Devon Gutschenritter		Caroline Campbell	Madeleine Ekpai
Server	Ethan Nelson		Lillie Martin	Caroline Gutschenritter
Server	Finn Martin		Ruthie Martin	Addie Christensen
Gifts	Kathy Harbor	Kim & Becky Hughes	Dan & Kari Kinsella	Jim Martin Family
Usher	James Doyle	Kim Hughes	Joe Gutschenritter	Dan Martin
Usher	Raphael Ekpai	Becky Hughes	Dan Kinsella	Sam McGargill
Usher	Ken Forney	Tim Martin	Trevor Christensen	Quinn Maher
Usher	Jim Gutschenritter	George McGargill	Jim Martin	Aaron Molnar
Greeters	James & Melonie Doyle		Jim & Karen Gutschenritter	Aaron Molnar
Streaming			Kari Kinsella	Rita Laughlin
Sacristan	Aaron Molnar	Genene Fienup	Joe Cheney	Jake McGargill

Mass Intention

Sun. Aug. 16: +Dwight Smith **Tues. Aug. 18:** +Helen Lewis **Thurs. Aug. 20:** Thanksgiving for Connie & Les Skalberg

Sat. Aug. 22: Members of the parish **Sun. Aug. 23:** Members of the parish **Sun. Aug. 30:** +Jerry & +Pat Head

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 15:21-28

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, **“Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David.”** At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. **“It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.”** But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. **“Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.”** Jesus’ silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, **“O woman, great is your faith,”** it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— *Father John Muir*

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 20th

The Parish Council will meet downstairs after Mass on Thursday, Aug. 20th.

Altar Society Meeting

Sunday, Aug. 16th

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

All are invited.

Father Lazarus – Vacation

Father will be on vacation August 24th thru September 15th. While Father is away there will be no daily Mass. Please help spread the word about no daily Mass to those you know who regularly attend daily Mass.

Our Gifts to God: 8/8 & 8/9

Plate: \$597.50 Tithes: \$140.00
 Children: \$7.00 Cemetery: \$1050.00
 Venezuela Earthquake: \$50.00
 Building Fund: \$200.00

Happy Birthday Fr. Lazarus Thursday, Aug. 20

Let's fill his mailbox with birthday greetings!
 Fr. Lazarus Kirigia
 St. Mary's Catholic Church
 1510 Highland Ave
 Red Oak, IA 51566

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa – Special Collection TODAY

The rapidly-growing Church in Africa is young and vibrant but faces challenges in building and maintaining structures and ministries previously funded by missionary orders. The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelizing, and education of clergy and lay ministers.

Thank you for your generosity.



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
Silas Martin	Aug 9th
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



Don't forget that Mass is at
 4pm this Saturday, Aug. 22.
 The picnic will begin at 5:30pm!
 Hope to see everyone there!

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.



Using Our Assets for the Glory of God..... Building Our Future Together

For generations, the faithful of our parish have answered God's call with generous hearts, preserving the legacy of our Irish ancestors while building a strong foundation for those who would follow. As we prepare to launch our next Capital Campaign, we invite you to prayerfully become part of this next chapter. Together, through prayer, generosity, and shared commitment, we can honor our past while ensuring a vibrant future for generous to come.

If you feel called to get involved with the Capital Campaign committee, we encourage you to speak with any member of the Finance Council. Your ideas, talents, and willingness to serve are an important part of building the future of St. Patrick parish.

Finance Council members: Dan Kinsella, Genene Fienup, Rick Dailey, Jim Martin, Ken Forney, Rita Laughlin, Becky Hughes.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

One of the amazing speakers at
this year's Christ Our Life
Catholic Conference.

The conference is Saturday, Sept.
26th and Sunday, Sept. 27th at the
Casey's Center in Des Moines.

Tickets are still available!

CHRIST OUR LIFE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Crystalina Evert



As founder of Women Made New Ministries and co-founder of The Chastity Project, author, speaker and EWTN radio host Crystalina has inspired women worldwide to embrace the virtues of chastity, respect for life and God's perfect plan for sexuality. Join Crystalina and eight other world-class speakers

for a faith filled, life-changing event this fall in Des Moines, IA.

September 26 & 27, 2026 Casey's Center

Scan the QR code to buy tickets

Go to ChristOurLifeIowa.com for
complete information

In person or Livestream



A 25th Anniversary Commemoration

Presentation:

September 11, 2001

A Firsthand Account by Retired FDNY Firefighter
Mike Connolly

Join us on Saturday, September 12th for a powerful and moving presentation as a retired FDNY firefighter shares his personal experience responding to the events of September 11, 2001.

As we mark the 25th Anniversary of 9/11, hear a firsthand account of courage, sacrifice, resilience, and the lasting impact of a day that forever changed our nation. This is a unique opportunity to honor those who served, remember those we lost, and reflect on the strength and unity that emerged in the face of tragedy.

**St. Patrick Catholic Church - Imogene
Church Hall**



Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026



6:30pm

There will be a soup supper following the 5pm Mass.
The presentation will begin after the soup supper at
approximately 6:30pm.

"Hear the story that shaped a nation"

Come - Worship - Enjoy

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HARVEST MASS

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026
6PM

Praying for a SAFE & BOUNTIFUL Harvest

Mass Location
MAHER FARM
38498 Rains Ave.
IMOGENE, IA

Bring a Lawn Chair for Mass

MEAL PROVIDED AFTER MASS

Let us share our bounty with those less fortunate.
Bring an item or two for the food pantry.