

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TWENTY~FIFTH 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
	Sept. 20	Sept. 26	Sept. 27
Lector	YFF	Tom Dinville	Amy Gutschenritter
EME	John Martin	Genene Fienup	Bridget Campbell
EME	Sarah Martin		Dan Kinsella
EME	Tom Martin		Jim Martin
Server	YFF		Caroline Campbell
Server	YFF		Lillie Martin
Server	YFF		Declan Martin
Gifts	YFF	Donnie & Tara Doyle	Marge McDonald
Usher	YFF	Donnie Doyle	Ken Forney
Usher	YFF	Kim Hughes	Dan Kinsella
Usher	YFF	Becky Hughes	Jim Gutschenritter
Usher	YFF	George McGargill	Joe Gutschenritter
Greeters	Jim Martin Family	Zeb & Jenny Burkhiser	Dan & Kari Kinsella
Streaming	Maryanne Dailey		Kari Kinsella
Sacristan	Aaron Molnar	Tara Doyle	Joe Cheney

Mass Intention

Sun. Sept. 20: Members of the parish

Sat. Sept. 26: +Steve Fienup

Tues. Sept. 22: +David Michael Connors

Sun. Sept. 27: Members of the parish

Thurs. Sept. 24: +Helen Lewis

Tues. Sept. 29: +Pat and +Alice Martin

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 20, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 20:1-16

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

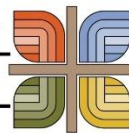
This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

— *Father John Muir*

The City of Imogene in conjunction with Fremont County Emergency Management will conduct a Tornado Drill on Sunday, September 20th at 10:30 am to allow our YFF students the opportunity to practice emergency procedures.

2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



2026 ADA Update

Parish Goal.....\$26,821

Gifts Paid.....\$22,600

Amount Short.....\$4,221

We are close to meeting our goal, but we still need your support. If you haven't made a gift, you can drop your check in the collection basket and mark "ADA" in the memo or you can give online at the Des Moines Diocese website: www.dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal.

*"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?"
- Psalm 116:12*

Our Gifts to God: 9/12 & 9/13

Plate: \$3241.94 Tithes: \$175.00
 Donuts: \$87.00 Bldg Fund: \$200.00
 Food Pantry: \$80.00
 Clergy Formation Collection: \$573.00
 Altar Society Donation: \$50.00

Altar Society

October Committee

- Bridget Campbell
- Patty Baran
- Judy Wischik
- Vickie Williams

Donuts: Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 25

Next Meeting:

TODAY – after Mass in the church hall

NCYC Breakfast – Sept. 27th

Join us downstairs next Sunday after Mass for a breakfast hosted by our NCYC students.

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

Declan Martin	Sept 2nd
Tom Campin	Sept 3rd
Janie Brannen	Sept 4th
Tom Dinville	Sept 4th
Max Forney	Sept 6th
John Clark	Sept 7th
Conde Burkhiser	Sept 8th
Bo Berglund	Sept 8th
Marge McDonald	Sept 9th
Jody Regan	Sept 9th
Rita Semmons	Sept 11th
Adrian Gutschenritter	Sept 12th
Bryson Williams	Sept 12th
Karoline Carnes	Sept 13th
Maia Forney	Sept 14th
Pam Ditmars	Sept 18th
Ava Mahoney	Sept 21st
Doug Gipe	Sept 28th
Therese Sunderman	Sept 28th
Peggy Martin	Sept 30th



Milestone Anniversary Mass

The Diocese is honoring married couples who are celebrating anniversaries of 5 years, 10 years, 20 years, 30 years, 40 years, and 50+ years! Bishop Joensen will celebrate the Masses.

Sunday, October 4 at 12 pm

- St. Peter's, Council Bluffs



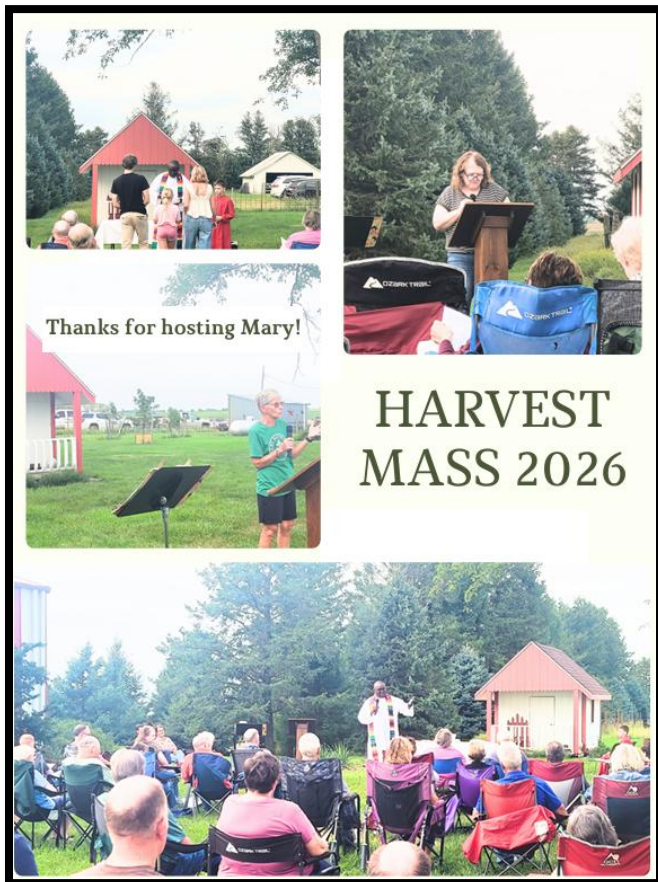
Scan the QR codes for information & milestone registration

Saturday, October 10 at 4 pm

- St. Ambrose, Des Moines



Thank you to everyone who helped organize these 2 events, and thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to attend these events. Events like these bring us together as a parish family and allow for fellowship and faith.



CHRIST OUR LIFE

A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR OUR SEARCHING SOULS

**The conference is coming up....do you have your ticket?
Saturday, Sept. 26th and Sunday, Sept. 27th
Casey's Center, 233 Center St. Des Moines, IA 50309**

Get your tickets: www.christourlifeiowa.com/tickets

ST. PATRICK CHURCH
Youth Faith Formation 2026/2027



On Catechetical Sunday we ask God's blessing
on our Catechists

Catechists & Support Members:

Ida Ekpai-PK-K
Zeb Burkhiser-First Communion
Dan Martin-3rd Grade
Jim Martin-4th & 5th Grades
Bridget Campbell-6th, 7th & 8th Grades
Sam Martin & Graca Goettsch-High School
Annie Sivertson-Disability Coordinator
Rita Laughlin-Director of Religious Education

Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer:

The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.