

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD 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
	Sept. 6	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 20
Lector	Tom Martin	Rick Dailey	Maria Blake	YFF
EME	Bridget Campbell	Kathy Harbor	A. Gutschenritter	John Martin
EME	Dan Kinsella		Joe Cheney	Sarah Martin
EME	Jim Martin		Aaron Molnar	Tom Martin
Server	Lillie Martin		Ruthie Martin	YFF
Server	Caroline Gutschenritter		Devon Gutschenritter	YFF
Server	Madeleine Ekpai		Addie Christensen	YFF
Gifts	John & Peggy Martin	Tim & Sarah Martin	Tom & Sarah Martin	YFF
Usher	Paul Blake	Bill Ditmars	Andy Campbell	YFF
Usher	Gerard Brannen	Bernie Hughes	Joe Cheney	YFF
Usher	Darwin Bugg	Tim Martin	James Doyle	YFF
Usher	Sandy Bugg	Jake McGargill	Raphael Ekpai	YFF
Greeters	Henry Martin	Bernie Hughes	Jerry Laughlin	Jim Martin Family
Streaming	Maryanne Dailey		Rita Laughlin	Maryanne Dailey
Sacristan	Jim Martin	Jake McGargill	Tom Martin	Aaron Molnar

Mass Intention

Sun. Sept. 6: +LaVonne Kidron **Sat. Sept. 12:** +Tony & +Gram Head **Sun. Sept. 13:** +Tom Breedlove

Thurs. Sept. 17: Members of the parish **Sun. Sept. 20:** Members of the parish

Tues. Sept. 22: +David Michael Connors **Thurs. Sept. 24:** +Helen Lewis **Sat. Sept. 26:** +Steve Fienup

Sun. Sept. 27: Members of the parish **Tues. Sept. 29:** +Pat and +Alice Martin



DIOCESE OF DES MOINES

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we sow seeds of God's Spirit in our Des Moines Diocese, we know that vocational seeds to the priesthood and to the diaconate are two essential 'hybrids' composed of human and divine qualities that must take root and bear fruit so our local churches might flourish. This awareness prompts my outreach to you as we have adapted what was previously known as our Seminarian Appeal; we have extended this appeal to include the wealth of deacon candidates who are likewise in formation to join the ministerial ranks that Christ established to make disciples and draw all people to his heart. God is blessing our Diocese with men who are heeding the call to ordained ministry and is prompting us to provide the spiritual and material resources that will enable them to respond.

Recently, Pope Leo XIV spoke to seminarians by invoking the heart: "The seminary is meant to be a training ground to help a seminarian attend to his own heart. . . we need to learn to love and how to do so as Jesus did." "This involves every aspect of life, for 'nothing of your personal uniqueness should be put aside; rather, everything should be taken up and transformed, like the grain of wheat in the Gospel.'"

Most of us are aware of the scope of a priest's sacramental and pastoral ministry. We may be less familiar with the role and ministry of a deacon. The deacon is to assist the bishop and priests in the ministries of the Word, of the altar, and of charity. He also accompanies persons growing in their faith, including those who wish to join the Church. A deacon "presides over public prayer, administers baptism, assists and blesses marriages, attends to the dying, and conducts funeral rites." And, he helps the poor and marginalized in our communities.

In addition to the 13 young men in seminary formation to become priests, we are blessed to have 18 men who are engaged in the demanding process of academic, pastoral, spiritual and human formation to be ordained deacons in 2028. And for the first time in the history of our Diocese, another 17 men have applied and are accepted to compose a second cohort of diaconate formation. The generous heart of Jesus is reflected in the generous response of these candidates for ordination.

In order to support the average \$59,500 annual cost to form a seminarian, and the \$7,600 annual cost to support a deacon candidate, I invite you: Will you respond generously by supporting our newly titled '**Clergy Formation Appeal**'? Will you lend your prayers toward their dedication and growth in personal holiness and zeal to serve Christ's Body in the Diocese of Des Moines?

Thank you for opening your mind and heart to consider this request. God's blessings on all whom you hold in your own beautiful heart!

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D.
Bishop of Des Moines

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Build our Diocese's future through the

\$59,500 average annual formation cost per seminarian

13 seminarians in formation

Will you choose to respond Generously?

<https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/diocesan-special-collections/seminarian-special-collection>

CLERGY FORMATION APPEAL

\$7,600 average annual cost per deacon candidate

35 men in deacon formation

"Will you lend your prayers toward their dedication and growth to serve Christ's body in the Diocese of Des Moines"

Bishop William Joensen

Our Gifts to God: 8/30

Plate: \$372.05

Tithes: \$105.00

Father Lazarus on Vacation

Father Lazarus will be gone from 8/24 through 9/15. Fr. Enrique Garcia is covering two weekends: 8/29-30 and 9/12-13. The weekend of 9/5-6 will be covered by Fr. Ebenezer Kenneth Abban, a visiting priest from Ghana.

There will be NO WEEKDAY Masses while Father is away. For emergencies- hospital calls or anointing of the sick please call neighboring parish priests, Frs. Michael Aqua (Clarinda) and Fr. Jason Lee (Shenandoah).

September Altar Society Committee

- Becky Hughes
- Pam Ditmars
- Marge McDonald
- Rose Welchans
- Genene Fienup

Donuts: 13th and 20th

Please remember in your prayers

+Gwyn Gillispie

Gwyn passed away on September 1. She is the sister of Melonie (James) Doyle. The sympathy of the St. Patrick faith family is extended to her entire family.

May she rest eternally in the loving arms of our Savior

Community Food Pantry Needs September

- Cereal
- Pasta (any variety)
- Microwave popcorn
- Cinnamon applesauce
- Mandarin oranges
- Chunky style soup
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Cake, brownie, cookie & muffin mixes
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo

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 Burkhisier	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



This year, the meal after the Harvest Mass is being provided. Instead of bringing a salad or dessert, we ask that you bring an item or two for the food pantry.

2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

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

Gifts given:.....\$22,300

Remaining:\$4,521

Thank you to everyone who has already given.

WALK MORE CLOSELY WITH CHRIST

BOOK STUDY OF DR. EDWARD SRI'S INTO HIS LIKENESS

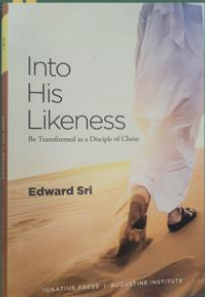
BE TRANSFORMED AS A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

Join us for a six-session journey into theologian, Dr. Edward Sri's, powerful book that will help you grow in virtue, deepen your faith, and become more like Jesus Christ every day.

DISCOVER how God transforms us from the inside out.

GROW in holiness through prayer, the sacraments and encounter with Christ.

BUILD COMMUNITY with others seeking to live as true disciples of Christ.



 ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH-IMOGENE CHURCH HALL

 SESSIONS BEGIN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

 6:30PM

 MEAL AFTER 6:00PM MASS

 6 SESSIONS INCLUDE PRAYER, A VIDEO, SELF REFLECTION & GROUP DISCUSSION

SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE BY SEPTEMBER 10 OR BY EMAILING RITA STRATSIMOGENEVFF@GMAIL.COM

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





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"

Christ Our Life Catholic Conference

When: September 26 & 27, 2026

Where: Casey's Center Des Moines

Why: To hear world-class speakers, learn more about our faith, be inspired, worship and praise God in community with thousands and experience the joy of His presence!

How: Attend in person or livestream

Cost: \$30 for the entire weekend 23 and under FREE!



Scan the QR code to purchase tickets

For more information, go to:
ChristOurLifeIowa.com

Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

Welcome to the 2026-2027 YFF Year!
Classes begin next Sunday, Sept. 13th

Catechists & Support Members:

Ms. Ida Ekpai-PK-K
Mr. Zeb Burkhiser-First Communion
Mr. Dan Martin-3rd Grade
Mr. Jim Martin-4th & 5th Grades
Mrs. Bridget Campbell-6th, 7th & 8th Grades
Mr. Sam Martin & Ms. Graca Goettsch-High School

Annie Sivertson-Disability Coordinator
Rita Laughlin-Director of Religious Education

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.

Coffee and Donuts



The start of YFF next Sunday can only mean one thing..... COFFEE & DONUTS!
Stop downstairs after Mass next Sunday (Sept. 13) and enjoy coffee, donuts and fellowship.

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.