

OCTOBER 11, 2026

TWENTY~EIGHTH 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
	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 24	Oct. 25
Lector	Tom Dinville	Peggy Martin	Sarah Martin	Rick Dailey	YFF
EME	Genene Fienup	John Martin	Bridget Campbell	Kathy Harbor	Amy Gutschenritter
EME		Sarah Martin	Dan Kinsella		Joe Cheney
EME		Tom Martin	Joe Cheney		Aaron Molnar
Server		Lillie Martin	Devon Gutschenritter		YFF
Server		Madeleine Ekpai	Addy Christensen		YFF
Server		Caroline Gutschenritter	Caroline Campbell		YFF
Gifts	Kim & Becky Hughes	Zeb & Jenny Burkhiser	Paul & Maria Blake	Bill & Pam Ditmars	YFFY
Usher	Bill Ditmars	Sam McGargill	Darwin Bugg	Donnie Doyle	YFF
Usher	Bernie Hughes	Quinn Maher	Sandy Bugg	Kim Hughes	YFF
Usher	Tim Martin	Paul Blake	Aaron Molnar	Becky Hughes	YFF
Usher	Jake McGargill	Gerard Brannen	Caleb Owens	George McGargill	YFF
Greeters	Kim & Becky Hughes	James & Melonie Doyle	Jim & Karen Gutschenritter	Bill & Pam Ditmars	YFF
Streaming		Rita Laughlin	Kari Kinsella		Maryanne D.
Sacristan	Genene Fienup	Aaron Molnar	Joe Cheney	Tara Doyle	Tom Martin

Mass Intention

Sat. Oct. 10: Members of the parish

Thurs. Oct. 15: +Jerry & +Pat Head

Thurs. Oct. 22: +Randall Bowen

Tues. Oct. 27: +Michael David Connors

Sun. Oct. 11: +Clara Williams

Sun. Oct. 18: Members of the parish

Sat. Oct. 24: Members of the parish

Thurs. Oct. 29: +Tom Breedlove

Tues. Oct. 13: +Dwight Smith

Tues. Oct. 20: +Marcellous Taylor

Sun. Oct. 25: +Marty & Margaret Laughlin

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 11, 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:1-14

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, **"Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business"** (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

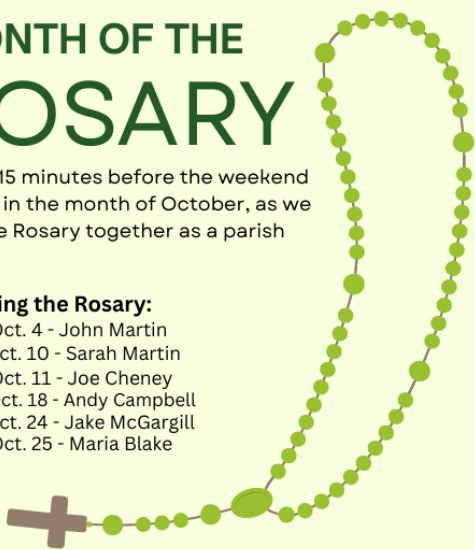
— *Father John Muir*

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MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Join us 15 minutes before the weekend Masses in the month of October, as we pray the Rosary together as a parish family.

Leading the Rosary:
Sun. Oct. 4 - John Martin
Sat. Oct. 10 - Sarah Martin
Sun. Oct. 11 - Joe Cheney
Sun. Oct. 18 - Andy Campbell
Sat. Oct. 24 - Jake McGargill
Sun. Oct. 25 - Maria Blake



HOLY HOUR

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sundays, 9:45am-10:45am

DATES
October 11
November 15
January 24
February 28
March 21

This year the High School YFF students will be participating in a Holy Hour five times throughout the YFF year.

These Holy Hours are open to the public, and will be held in the sanctuary of St. Patrick Catholic Church-Imogene.

Please be silent when entering & leaving the church for respect of others in prayer.

For more information contact: Sam Martin or Graca Goettsch

Our Gifts to God: 10/4

Plate: \$1405.00 Tithes: \$85.00
Children: \$55.00 Masses: \$20.00
Hall Rent: \$150.00 Donuts: \$128.00
Votives: \$299.53 Building Fund: \$200.00
Cemetery: \$300.00

Altar Society Meeting - Today

The Altar Society will meet downstairs after Mass today (Sunday) for their monthly meeting.

Is your son or daughter in college?

If you have a son or daughter in college, the Altar Society would like to keep them in prayer and also send them an occasional card or small gift throughout the year. It is our way of reminding them that their parish family is thinking of them.

Please provide their name and address to Kari Kinsella, Kathy Harbor or Stephanie Martin by Oct. 25.

Second Collection – Oct. 18

World Mission Day was first established by Pope Pius XI, beginning in October 1927. This year the Church celebrates the 100th World Mission Day on Sunday, October 18, 2026. As the Church prepares to celebrate this day, Pope Leo XIV calls us to unity in Christ, love, and renewed missionary commitment "with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit" in his first World Mission Sunday Message: "One in Christ, united in mission."

Funeral Mass for Agnes and Rita Germar

Please join us in remembering Agnes and Rita Germar, who both passed away in mid-September. Originally from Imogene, these sisters lived in Colorado for the past 20 years before moving to Red Oak. For the past year, they have been familiar faces at Sunday Mass here in Imogene. With no family in the area, it would be a beautiful gesture of love and support from our parish family to attend their funeral and honor their lives. Their Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, October 14, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Church, with burial to follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Please consider joining us. Thank you.

Any questions, please contact the parish secretary:
Maryanne Dailey



Pam McGargill	Oct 1st
Rachel Kinsella	Oct 2nd
Jared Hiser	Oct 2nd
Dan Kinsella	Oct 3rd
Jack Campbell	Oct 4th
Claire Campbell	Oct 4th
Regina Loehr	Oct 7th
Silas Martin	Oct 9th
Jim Gutschenritter	Oct 11th
Ellie Kinsella	Oct 12th
Rosaline Martin	Oct 15th
Lisa Dinville	Oct 17th
Logan (Hughes) Rogers	Oct 18th
Tara Doyle	Oct 19th
Pat Connelly	Oct 22nd
Bev McGargill	Oct 23rd
Jared Speichinger	Oct 23rd
Julie Dinville	Oct 26th
Maxine Wilkinson	Oct 27th
Sean Smith	Oct 27th
John Martin	Oct 28th
Kenny McGargill	Oct 28th
Sherry Owens	Oct 30th

Baptism

Last Sunday, Clara Anne, daughter of Kate and Adam Carey was baptized at St. Patrick. Clara is the granddaughter of Paul & Maria Blake.
May God Bless Clara.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is Thursday, Oct. 15th after 6pm Mass.



DEACON SUNDAY CELEBRATED SECOND SUNDAY OF OCTOBER

Deacon Sunday- October 11th 2026

Purpose: To affirm these men who have said YES to serving the Church in a profound way.

The ministry of the deacon is a ministry of service at the altar and to the community.

As you may recall in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 6:1-6), the ministry of the diaconate began when the needs of Greek-speaking Jewish widows were not being heeded. The Apostles discerned that seven reputable men would be ordained to minister to their needs and the physical needs of the community.

At many parishes across the Diocese the deacons, assist at Masses, preside at weddings, preside at Vigil services for the dead, prepare couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony, prepare families who have a child below the age of 7 who they wish to have baptized, meet with folks who need a listening ear, visit the nursing homes and senior living communities and other duties as assigned by their Pastor.

A prayer for deacons:

O Christ, You are the source of all ministry in the Church. In response to the needs of the People of God, through the laying on of hands and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, You have called forth and ordained deacons as servants for our Church. Continue to sustain those You have called to this ministry so they remain ardent servants with gentle hearts, proclaiming the Gospel and serving at Your Holy table. Help them reflect the real and true presence of Christ, the Deacon, to the needy among us. We also give thanks for those who accompany these men in their journey of service—their wives and families, their parish communities, and all those who call them to respond in faith, hope, and love. Loving Savior, continue to help Your Church affirm our deacons in their service. Together as one family of faith, may all that we say and do give honor and glory to You and draw others ever closer to Your Sacred Heart. Amen.

Prayer by Most Rev. Douglas Lucia, bishop of Syracuse, NY



Diocese of Des Moines is Blessed to have:

49 Active Permanent Deacons

31 Retired Permanent Deacons

18 Men in Deacon Formation possible ordination in 2028

16 Men starting Formation possible ordination in 2031

What is a deacon?

Bishops have been tasked with sanctifying, governing and teaching; they're considered to have the "fullness" of holy orders. The priests participate in the bishops' ministry of ruling and teaching and sanctifying. And so the both of them serve *in persona Christi capitis*, or in the person of Christ, the head.

Deacons, on the other hand, participate in their local bishop's ministry, but they don't serve as Christ the head. They serve *in persona Christi servi*, which means Christ the servant.

During the Second Vatican Council, the Church council fathers really recognized that we needed to find new ways to proclaim Christ to the world. As we continued to develop the strategy, there was something missing, what St. John Paul II called the Church's service "sacramentalized."

OK, so what does a deacon actually do?

The Church defines three main areas of service for the diaconate: ministry of the word, ministry of the liturgy and ministry of charity.

Ministry of the Word - The deacon is the herald of the Gospel, and you may witness this at Sunday Masses: The deacon is the one who proclaims the Gospel. But it's not just at Mass that deacons share the good news. A deacon is meant to proclaim the Gospel in every area of his life. All Christians are called to do the same, but deacons do it as part of the sacrament of holy orders.

Ministry of the liturgy: Besides reading the Gospel, a deacon's assistance at Mass is perhaps the most visible sign of his ministry you're used to seeing on a regular basis. But permanent deacons also can baptize, witness marriages and preside at funeral services. In the U.S., deacons often conduct word-and-communion services for the homebound or elderly.

Ministry of charity: The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, but we're not meant to stay inside the walls of the Church 24/7. The deacon says at the end of the liturgy to "go forth, the Mass has ended." Deacons go forth as a servant of Christ to bring charity to the world, each in his own unique way. Some take part in prison ministry. Others visit the sick in hospitals. Others do different pastoral works within the community of the parish to which they're assigned.

As we celebrate Deacon Sunday this weekend, please keep Rick Dailey in your prayers. Rick is one of the 16 men who recently started Formation with a possible ordination in 2031.

Country Music Singer-Songwriter



DREW BALDRIDGE



FARM — FAITH — FAMILY ACOUSTIC SET

FREE CONCERT

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH-IMOGENE

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OCT. 25

MASS 8:30AM
DONUTS 9:30-9:45AM
CONCERT 9:45AM



SONS & DAUGHTERS OF IMOGENE

TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 25** IMOGENE BALLFIELD
10:30am-11:30am

CANDY & PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES

Interested in having a trunk contact Rita @ 402.681.7253
or email sonsanddaughtersofimogene@gmail.com

Don't forget to wear your costume!

Breakfast & Bake Sale

Sunday, Oct. 18

Hosted by the NCYC Students

Join us for breakfast and a bake sale to support our youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC).

Donations of homemade baked goods are welcomed but not expected. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast, buy some homemade goodies and help support our youth on their faith journey!

