

OCTOBER 18, 2026

TWENTY~NINTH 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.

**TAKE ACTION FOR PEACE.
JUSTICE. AND THOSE LESS
FORTUNATE THAN YOU.**

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
	Oct. 18	Oct. 24	Oct. 25
Lector	Sarah Martin	Rick Dailey	YFF
EME	Bridget Campbell	Kathy Harbor	Amy Gutschenritter
EME	Dan Kinsella		Joe Cheney
EME	Joe Cheney		Aaron Molnar
Server	Devon Gutschenritter		YFF
Server	Addy Christensen		YFF
Server	Caroline Campbell		YFF
Gifts	Paul & Maria Blake	Bill & Pam Ditmars	YFFY
Usher	Darwin Bugg	Donnie Doyle	YFF
Usher	Sandy Bugg	Kim Hughes	YFF
Usher	Aaron Molnar	Becky Hughes	YFF
Usher	Caleb Owens	George McGargill	YFF
Greeters	Jim & Karen Gutschenritter	Bill & Pam Ditmars	YFF
Streaming	Kari Kinsella		Maryanne D.
Sacristan	Joe Cheney	Tara Doyle	Tom Martin

Mass Intention

Sun. Oct. 18: Pope Leo **Tues. Oct. 20:** +Marcellous Taylor **Thurs. Oct. 22:** +Randall Bowen

Sat. Oct. 24: Members of the parish **Sun. Oct. 25:** +Marty & Margaret Laughlin

Tues. Oct. 27: +Michael David Connors **Thurs. Oct. 29:** +Tom Breedlove

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:15-21

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"** (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears *His* image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because *everything* in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John Muir

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Country Music Singer-Songwriter

DREW BALDRIDGE

FARM — FAITH — FAMILY ACOUSTIC SET

FREE CONCERT

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH-IMOGENE

304 3RD ST.
IMOGENE, IA 51645

OCT. 25

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



SONS & DAUGHTERS OF IMOGENE

TRUNK OR TREAT

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

IMOGENE BALLFIELD

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!

Our Gifts to God: 10/10 & 10/11

Plate: \$1333.00 Tithes: \$195.00
Children: \$17.00 Donuts: \$92.00

Please keep John Campin, son of Maureen Campin, in your thoughts and prayers as he faces a recent diagnosis of Follicular Lymphoma. John will soon undergo a procedure to remove a lymph node for further testing and will also have a port placed in preparation for chemotherapy. Please pray for John, his family, and his medical team as they navigate the days ahead.

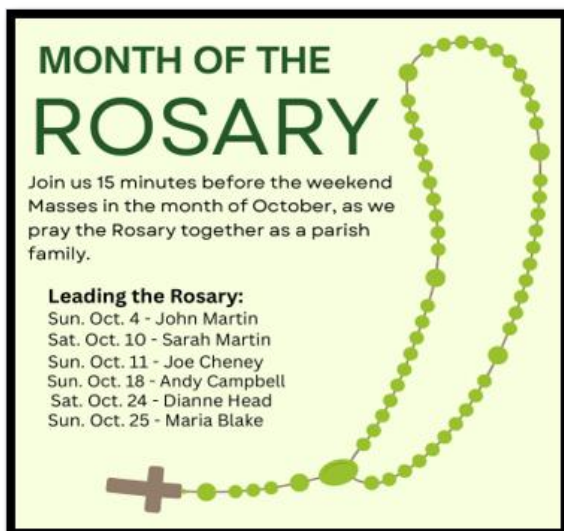
Is your son or daughter in college?

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 – TODAY

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."



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

Thank You

Thank you to our St. Patrick parish family for the conversations, cards, messages, phone calls, memorials, masses, and kind gestures over the past months. Losing our brother Ed and then our sister Gwyn 10 months apart has not been easy. Love and support from friends and family makes it much more bearable. Thank you all so much!
-Melonie and James Doyle and Family

2026 ADA – THANK YOU!

Because of your generosity we have reached our 2026 ADA goal.
Goal: \$26,821
Gifts Received: \$27,350

NCYC BREAKFAST – TODAY

Join us downstairs after Mass for breakfast hosted by the NCYC students. Proceeds will go to the students attending the next National Catholic Youth Conference.

Last year we ran a little short on volunteers for the Turkey Shoot, so this year we are asking for volunteers for specific times. Hopefully this will help people choose a time to volunteer AND enjoy a good meal and some Bingo!



The sign-up sheet is on the table in the vestibule.

Faithful Citizenship

www.iowacatholicconference.org

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us of the importance of local institutions and community bonds. Larger institutions in society (such as the government) should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions (such as the family, local schools, or the Church community). Yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs or advance the common good.

In *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. bishops remind Catholics that we are called to engage in charitable, respectful and civil dialogue during election season. In a culture that is dominated by “partisan attacks, sound bites and media hype,” the Church calls for “a different kind of political engagement.” For more information on Faithful Citizenship, check out the new videos from the Catholic bishops of Iowa at <https://www.youtube.com/@iowacatholicconference>.

Visit www.iowacatholicconference.org to explore how you can love your neighbors by advocating as a faithful citizen on behalf of those who are poor and vulnerable. As you prepare to vote, read the U.S. bishops’ statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, watch videos, download podcasts, and access other great resources on faithful citizenship.

St. Patrick Finance Council Minutes
September 24, 2026

Dan Kinsella opened the meeting with a prayer at 8:26 pm. Attending was Fr. Lazarus, Dan Kinsella, Becky Hughes, Rita Laughlin. Ken Forney, Rick Dailey, Jim Martin and Genene Fienup

Dan reported he met with the auditor earlier the day of the meeting. Our last audit was in 2017. The auditor had several suggestions for consideration that were discussed, but generally the practices in Imogene are highly regarded for a Small Parish. The auditor would also like to attend a finance council meeting.

Diocesan Deanery updates. A two-day spring Lenton mission will be held with speakers attending.

In August, Rick and Maryanne Dailey attended the Alpha National Conference in Chicago.

Financials were reviewed. A motion by Rick to transfer some money to a savings account. Ken seconded. The motion carried. Father suggested St. Mary's at Red Oak and St. Patrick should have a joint meeting.

Capital Campaign was discussed. An open parish meeting is needed for input. Rita presented a written proposal for Conceptual Design Services from Hauptman Architecture from Omaha. The project is an elevator addition to the existing historical church. Ken made a motion to hire them

Becky seconded. Updates for the Faith Center include flooring, toilet and vanity for the downstairs bathroom. Tornado Insurance Update. Rick reported the insurance company does not recommend St. Patrick be an emergency site.

The Montgomery County Sheriff presentation was attended by many concerning active shooter information. He is willing to come back and do a walk thru. Rita suggested also contacting Fremont County to come. Rick will check on.

Turkey Shoot will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2026. Wheel will be \$2.00 a spin. More information will be published in the bulletin.

A zoom meeting will be held October 14th, 7-8 pm

November 19th meeting will be a joint meeting with St. Mary's at 6:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 pm. Dan closed with Glory Be to God.

Respectfully submitted,

Genene Fienup, Secretary

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended the funeral Mass for Agnes and Rita Germar. As Father reminded us in his homily, even though many of us may never have spoken to Agnes or Rita, we are all connected through our baptism and Catholic faith. Agnes and Rita were members of our parish when they were very young. They moved away from the area but had recently moved to Red Oak. They made the drive from Red Oak every Sunday to celebrate Mass with us, a beautiful testament to their faith and dedication.

With no known family in the area, Agnes and Rita were laid to rest at Mt. Calvary Cemetery alongside their parents and sister. Unfortunately, they do not have a headstone. A collection has been started to raise funds to purchase a headstone for Agnes and Rita. Michael Luna of Red Oak, who knew both women and visited them in the hospital following their accident, is organizing this effort. If you would like to contribute, please contact Michael directly at 712-621-1807. Be sure to leave a voicemail so he can return your call.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and prayers as we come together as a parish family to honor Agnes and Rita.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
BINGO NIGHT AT ST. MARY'S!

DELICIOUS SOUP
SUPPER WILL BE
SERVED IN THE PARISH
HALL FOLLOWING
4:30 PM MASS AT
ST. MARY'S IN
SHENANDOAH.
BINGO BEGINS
FOLLOWING THE SOUP
SUPPER!

Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
All proceeds will benefit the Shenandoah Food Pantry

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BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, NOV. 1ST
AFTER 8:30AM MASS
ST. PATRICK CHURCH HALL



PROCEEDS WILL
BENEFIT THE
COMMUNITY FOOD
PANTRY

  **Knights of
Columbus®** 

**The Knights are collecting new or gently
used winter coats/hats/gloves.**

The donation box is located at the bottom of the stairs going
down to the church hall.



Thank you for your generosity.