NOVEMBER 22, 2026
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
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 7pm-12pm Wednesday 1am-11am, 6pm-9pm **SUNDAY COFFEE**- after Mass most YFF Sundays **Youth Faith Formation**: 9:45am-10:35am Sundays **Marriage Prep**: Contact Father at least ***6 months*** before your anticipated wedding date. **Visitors:** Please sign our Guest Register located on the east bookshelf in the back of church. Feel free to take a brief parish history and/or a self-guided tour sheet**. Become a Parish Member:** Complete the registration form located in the vestibule and drop it in the collection basket or email the secretary: *stpatsimogene@gmail.com*. **Allergies & Communion**: Are you gluten intolerant and therefore can't receive Communion? If so, we have a special low-gluten host that you can receive at Communion time. For more information, please contact Fr. Lazarus or the parish secretary.

	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
	Nov. 22	**Nov. 28**	**Nov. 29**	**Dec. 6**
Lector	Maria Blake	Jake McGargill	Amy Gutschenritter	Abby Martin
EME	Bridget Campbell	Kathy Harbor	Sandy Bugg	Amy Gutschenritter
EME	Dan Kinsella		Joe Cheney	Joe Cheney
EME	Jim Martin		Aaron Molnar	Aaron Molnar
Server	Ruthie Martin		Lillie Martin	Caroline Campbell
Server	Caroline Gutschenritter		Devon Gutschenritter	Madeleine Ekpai
Server	Finn Martin		Oliver Christensen	Addy Christensen
Gifts	Joe & Amy Gutschenritter	Donnie & Tara Doyle	Marge McDonald	Dan & Kari Kinsella
Usher	Sam McGargill	Donnie Doyle	Aaron Molnar	Andy Campbell
Usher	Quinn Maher	Kim Hughes	Caleb Owens	Joe Cheney
Usher	Paul Blake	Becky Hughes	Darwin Bugg	James Doyle
Usher	Gerard Brannen	George McGargill	Sandy Bugg	Raphael Ekpai
Greeters	Jerry Laughlin	Kim & Becky Hughes	James & Melonie Doyle	Jim & Karen Gutschenritter
Streaming	Maryanne Dailey		Rita Laughlin	Kari Kinsella
Sacristan	Joe Cheney	Jake McGargill	Jim Martin	Tom Martin

Mass Intention

Sun. Nov. 22: + Deceased members of +Thomas & +Catherine Maher family
Tues. Nov. Nov. 24: +Jerry & +Pat Head **Wed. Nov. 25:** +Agnes & +Rita Germar
Sat. Nov. 28: +Tom Breedlove **Sun. Nov. 29**: Members of the parish

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Matthew 25:31-46

I remember middle school baseball tryouts. A friend of mine, Robert, was trying to make the team to please his father, but his heart wasn't in it. He was lackadaisical and unenergetic. When the final cut-list was announced, and his name wasn't on it, he was relieved. He realized the coach was not insulting him but essentially telling him, "Bobby, this only works if you actually *want* to play ball." I was saddened he'd miss out on the fun, but I knew it was best. Putting Robert onto the team would not have been kindness. It would have made him miserable.

Jesus speaks to us today about his identity as our King and Judge. He separates those who inherit the kingdom from those who do not. The King explains, **"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).** His judgment hinges on willingness to participate in love. Heaven is not a prize imposed at the end of life. It is a life freely chosen and engaged. Hell is not a destination prepared for human beings, but a terrible and sad acknowledgment of an opting out which God never intends for us.

Jesus' role as judge proclaims to us: "Heaven only works if you actually *want* to love." How do we know if we want it? How we serve the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned, and the forgotten. These acts of mercy are not arbitrary tests. They are the very shape of divine life. There is no better game to play than this. We ought to begin playing it right now. The King will come to judge us.

— Father John Muir

Requesting Hospital and Nursing Home Clergy Visits

If your loved one is admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or care facility, please remember to contact the parish office to request a clergy visit. Due to privacy regulations, hospitals and care facilities are often unable to notify the parish when someone is admitted. By informing the parish, you help ensure that a member of the clergy can visit, offer prayer, provide pastoral support, and administer the sacraments if desired. Please call or email the parish office*(stpatsimogene@gmail.com)* with the name of the person, the facility where they are staying, and any room information if available. Thank you for helping us care for members of our parish community during times of illness and recovery.

Divine Renovation – Moving from Maintenance to Mission

Divine Renovation is a movement that helps parishes grow in faith, strengthen relationships, and become vibrant, welcoming communities centered on Jesus. It encourages us to move beyond simply maintaining our parish to building a thriving parish where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and inspired to grow in their faith. Here at St. Patrick, we are focusing on three key areas: Hospitality, Mass Experience, and Community Outreach. Our goal is to create a warm and welcoming environment, make our celebration of the Mass even more meaningful, and find new ways to reach out and serve others in our parish and surrounding communities. Everyone has something to offer, and your ideas and involvement can make a difference. If you have suggestions, or you would like to become more involved in any of these areas, please reach out to Joe Cheney for Hospitality, Rita Laughlin for Mass Experience, and Maryanne Dailey for Community Outreach. Together, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can continue building a parish where faith grows, friendships flourish, and everyone feels they belong.



Our Gifts to God: 11/14 & 11/15

Plate: $5012.00 Tithes: $95.00
Children: $9.00 Masses: $20.00
Donuts: $135.00 Bldg Fund: $200.00
Second Collection: $410.00
Germar Headstone: $80.00

Turkey Shoot Bingo – TONIGHT!

The meal begins at 5pm.

If your last name begins with:

A -L Please bring a dessert
(if possible, please already have cut into serving pieces)

M – Z Please bring a salad

Christmas Poinsettias - $25
Deadline is Dec. 13

The envelopes for the memorial Christmas poinsettias are on the table in the vestibule. Please complete the information on the outside of the envelope, put your payment inside and place it in the collection basket. You may also put your completed envelope in the basket on the table in the vestibule or give it to Kathy Harbor, Stephanie Martin or Kari Kinsella

Poinsettias for Homebound Parishioners:
The Altar Society would like to remember the members of our parish who are homebound or in care facilities and cannot attend Mass, by bringing them a poinsettia. Please share names of homebound parishioners to Kathy Harbor, Stephanie Martin or Kari Kinsella or stpatsimogene@gmail.com by Dec.6th.

The next Altar Society meeting is Dec. 6th after Mass.





Ann Owens	Dec 2nd
Nick Laughlin	Dec 6th
Kelly Hughes	Dec 8th
Darene Gutschenritter	Dec 15th
Terry Regan	Dec 15th
Lucy Martin	Dec 15th
Ava Forney	Dec 15th
Annie Burnison	Dec 16th
Kari Kinsella	Dec 16th
Patty Baran	Dec 17th
Leah Mahoney	Dec 19th
Anne McDonald	Dec 21st
Kennedy Miller	Dec 23rd
Matthew Lunzman	Dec 25th
Laurie McGargill	Dec 27th
Pat Doyle	Dec 28th
Jessica Hughes (Charles)	Dec 30th
Raphael Ekpai	Dec 31st
Jordan Lunzman	Dec 31st

Prayer Request

Please keep Lynn (King) Breedlove in your prayers. She was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer. Lynn grew up in Imogene and received all of her sacraments in our parish. She now lives in Houston, TX, but spends much of her time visiting her little house, "King's Cottage" in Imogene. Please keep Lynn and her family in your prayers.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Shenandoah Pregnancy and Resource Center

If you took home a baby bottle for this fundraiser, plesae return the filled bottle to the vestibule of the church no later than Sunday, Nov. 29th.

Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Vespers Concert

The St. Cecilia's Choir of Hamburg will be performing their 96th annual Christmas Vespers Concert on Sunday, November 29th at 2:00 pm at the United Trinity Church in Hamburg, and again at 5:00 pm at the Methodist Church in Shenandoah. Holiday songs featured will be those composed by Americans as a tribute to our country's 250th anniversary. There is no admission, but there will be a free will offering.

St. Patrick Parish
Season of Giving Food Boxes



As Christmas approaches, our YFF students will once again share the spirit of the season by delivering food boxes to residents of Imogene on December 13. This annual project is a wonderful opportunity for our students to spread kindness, show care for others, and bring a little extra Christmas cheer to our community.

Second Collection - Nov. 22

To help make this outreach possible, a second collection will be taken on Sunday, November 22, to help purchase the food items for the boxes. We are truly grateful for your continued generosity and support. Your kindness makes this special tradition possible and helps our students share the true meaning of Christmas through giving and service.

Thank you for helping us make the holidays a little brighter for our neighbors!

The second collection today is to raise funds to support our Season of Giving Food Boxes.

Thank you for your generosity.

City of Henderson

CELEBRATING THE SEASON

DECEMBER 6TH FROM 11:00-1:00

DINNER	Smoked Turkey & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, and Biscuits & Honey
DESSERT	Christmas Cookies, and Pie
RAFFLE	Ticket prices 1 for $1, 8 for $5, 15 for $10, Wingspan for $25
KIDS COLORING	Holiday coloring books and crayons will be available for the kids
SANTA	Pictures with Santa, come say hi and spend sometime with him!





Free will donation for all food!
Take out available!

Join a conversation...

Explore faith together.

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment.

YOU'RE INVITED

St. Patrick Church Hall
304 3rd St., Imogene, IA
Wednesday, January 6, 2027
6-8PM
Complimentary Dinner served

- **Connect with new people**
- **Watch an episode on a question of faith**
- **Share your thoughts & hear from others**

Alpha

St Patrick's Church
Altar Society Meeting
November 8, 2026

Attendance:
Peg Martin
Stephanie Martin
Maria Blake
Maxine Wilkinson
Kari Kinsella
JoAnn Cheney
Kathy Harbor

Opening Prayer: Memorare

Turkey shoot:
Karen Gutschenritter and Kathy harbor are schedule to prepare and freeze the maidrites Sunday Nov 15 after mass; Kathy will move the frozen maidrites to the refrigerator on Saturday Nov. 21 to thaw
The alphabet version
A-L: dessert
M-Z: salads
The November committee is asked to bring 2 salads
Peggy suggested a warm dish instead of a salad
Pie auction after the 3rd bingo game
Marlene McGargill will bake two pies
Maria Blake, Steph Aistrope, and Joe Cheney will bake pies for auction
Stephanie will reach out to Sam McGarrgill to deliver Marlene's pies.
Will need altar society officer to take money and keep a tally of people served. Genene will have a cash box with $200 cash - $5-kids $8-adults

College student gift cards turned in and Kari Kinsella will be sending them.
Kari shared a beautiful letter to invite members to join the altar society-send letters to those who are registered
Poinsettias: $25 donation to match easter lilies cost - Cutoff date for Poinsettia order is December 13
Christmas church cleaning on the 19th at 9 am
YFF Christmas program Dec 13

Meeting adjourned with the Hail Mary.

Upcoming Holiday Mass Schedule

WED, NOV. 25	Thanksgiving Eve Mass	5PM IMOGENE 7PM RED OAK
TUES. DEC 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)	5PM IMOGENE 7PM RED OAK
THURS. DEC. 24	Christmas Eve Mass	4PM RED OAK 6PM IMOGENE
FRI. DEC. 25	Christmas Day Mass	8:30AM IMOGENE 10:30AM RED OAK
THURS. DEC. 31	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation). Vigil Mass	5PM IMOGENE *Those who attend this Mass will fulfill the obligation of Jan. 1st.*
FRI. JAN. 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation).	9AM RED OAK

Becoming Witnesses to the Light

An Advent Retreat inspired by St. John the Baptist

Part I — The Humble Witness

rooted in John 1:6–8, 19–21

We will explore how St. John the Baptist's humility reveals the freedom of knowing who we are and who we are not.

Part II — Preparing the Way Within

rooted in John 1:22–28

St. John the Baptist will teach us that before we can help others grow closer to Jesus, we need to make room for Him, to work in our own lives.

Part III — Pointing to Christ in Daily Life

rooted in John 1:6–8

We will learn from St. John the Baptist that Jesus' witness is not about being perfect or having all the answers. It is about showing up with faith, courage, and love.

When and what time?
Saturday, December 12, 2026
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
(continental breakfast and lunch included)

Where?
St. Patrick Catholic Church
304 Third Street
Imogene, IA 51645

Who is facilitating the retreat?
John Gaffney, Director for Evangelization and Mission for the Diocese of Des Moines.
John is known for helping people renew their faith in his retreats.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule.



There are boxes in the vestibule for your unwrapped gifts.

Deadline: Dec. 13th

SHENANDOAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LIL' SHOPPER'S HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

This Christmas season, St. Patrick Parish will team up with Shenandoah Elementary School to help young students discover the joy of giving.

We will be accepting gently used items or items you want to "regift". Both male and female gifts are needed. These gifts don't have to be large items. Items like candles, home decor, hand lotion, tape measures, any small tool or jewelry.

We will need more gifts this year becuase there are more students.

This "gift shop" will be monitored by members of a St. Patrick Parish discipleship group and will be set up in one of the classrooms at the school. Young students will have the opportunity to shop for a gift for a loved one at home. This is a great opportunity to teach little ones about the season of giving.