NOVEMBER 15, 2026
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF 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 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.

	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
	Nov. 14	**Nov. 15**	**Nov. 22**	**Nov. 28**	**Nov. 29**
Lector	Tom Dinville	YFF	Maria Blake	Jake McGargill	Amy Gutschenritter
EME	Genene Fienup	John Martin	Bridget Campbell	Kathy Harbor	Sandy Bugg
EME		Sarah Martin	Dan Kinsella		Joe Cheney
EME		Tom Martin	Jim Martin		Aaron Molnar
Server		YFF	Ruthie Martin		Lillie Martin
Server		YFF	Caroline Gutschenritter		Devon Gutschenritter
Server		YFF	Finn Martin		Oliver Christensen
Gifts	Tim & Sarah Martin	YFF	Joe & Amy Gutschenritter	Donnie & Tara Doyle	Marge McDonald
Usher	Bill Ditmars	YFF	Sam McGargill	Donnie Doyle	Aaron Molnar
Usher	Bernie Hughes	YFF	Quinn Maher	Kim Hughes	Caleb Owens
Usher	Tim Martin	YFF	Paul Blake	Becky Hughes	Darwin Bugg
Usher	Kenny Hughes	YFF	Gerard Brannen	George McGargill	Sandy Bugg
Greeters	Bernie Hughes	Dan & Kari Kinsella	Jerry Laughlin	Kim & Becky Hughes	James & Melonie Doyle
Streaming		Maryanne Dailey	Maryanne Dailey		Rita Laughlin
Sacristan	Genene Fienup	Jake McGargill	Joe Cheney	Jake McGargill	Jim Martin

Mass Intention

Sat. Nov. 14: +Justin Owens **Sun. Nov. 15**: Members of the Parish **Tues. Nov. 17**: + Michael David Conners **Thurs. Nov. 19**: +Dwight Smith and +Helen Lewis **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 15, 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 25:14-30

A friend once took his young adult son to the casino for his birthday. He handed him $100 and said, "Let's have a great time." The son, a graduate student with limited money, quietly pocketed the money and refused to play. "I don't want to lose it," he said. But he missed the point: the money was not really his to pocket; it was his father's invitation to share an experience together.

God sees our gifts a bit like this. In Jesus' parable, a servant buries his master's talent and explains: **"Master, I knew you were a demanding person...so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground" (Matthew 25:24-25).** The master condemns him not for failure but for refusing to risk. The servant's fear distorts his image of the master and leads to a small, loveless response. No love, no risk. No risk, no relationship.

How easily we fall into this trap! We treat God's gifts as fragile possessions rather than invitations. We play it safe, avoid risk, and tell ourselves we are wise and God is cruel. But Jesus praises those who trust the Master's goodness enough to act boldly. They are not reckless but confident enough in their Master to risk their gifts for Him.

So, what is my interior story about God right now? Is it marked by generosity, adventure, and trust? Or by fear, caution, and suspicion? That hidden narrative shapes everything. Because love, by its nature, always takes risks with, and for, the beloved.

— *Father John Muir*

Special Collection – This Weekend

The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. For more than 55 years, CCHD has empowered people living in poverty by supporting organizations that give a voice to members of local communities. This allows them to improve access to housing, healthcare and better educational and job opportunities.

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.

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. The choir is directed by Reva Benefiel of Hamburg and accompanist is Pam King of Shenandoah.

SEEDS FOR SEMINARIANS

Thank you to Dave McGargill, Kenny McGargill and Donnie Doyle for planting and harvesting the Seeds for Seminarians plot. Because of their time and generosity, $2290.70 will be sent to the Diocese for our Seminarians.

Our Gifts to God: 11/8

Plate: $1985.00 Tithes: $75.00
Children: $26.00 Hall Rent: $50.00
Votives: $411.83 Donuts: $105.00
KC Breakfast: $100.00
Food Pantry: $80.00



Please remember in your prayers
+Francis William Acquah
He is the brother of Father Michael Acquah.
The sympathy of the St. Patrick faith family is extended to Fr. Michael and his entire family.
May he rest eternally in the loving arms of our Savior

If you'd like to send a card to Fr. Michael:
St. Clare Catholic Church
300 E. Lincoln St.
Clarinda, IA 51632

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.

Altar Society

- The next meeting will be Dec. 6th after Mass.
- The Christmas inside church cleaning will be Saturday, Dec. 19th at 9am.





Maureen Campin	Nov 1st
Genevieve Doyle	Nov 2nd
Mary Maher	Nov 4th
Bernie Hughes	Nov 4th
Aaron Molnar	Nov 4th
Michael Mahoney	Nov 4th
Shay Berglund	Nov 4th
Jim Head	Nov 6th
Chelsey Nicholas	Nov 8th
Jared Blake	Nov 9th
Sawyer Doyle	Nov 9th
Jack Harbor	Nov 10th
Janice Doyle	Nov 12th
Lanna Lunzman	Nov 15th
Caroline Frazier	Nov 16th
Charles Hughes	Nov 17th
Mairin Allen	Nov 19th
David Sunderman	Nov 21st
Nora Martin	Nov 23rd
Destiny Martin	Nov 23rd
Genene Fienup	Nov 24th
Mike Shough	Nov 24th
Amy Gutschenritter	Nov 24th
Gerard Brannen	Nov 27th
Vince Martin	Nov 29th
Mary Harbor	Nov 29th
Kelsey Owens	Nov 29th
Oliver Christensen	Nov 29th

Becoming Witnesses to the Light
Advent Retreat – Saturday, Dec. 12th

This retreat inspired by St. John the Baptist that will help you prepare your heart for Christmas through prayer, reflection, and practical ways to grow closer to Jesus and share His light with others. Join us on December 12 at 9am in the church hall for this retreat facilitated by John Gaffney, Director for Evangelization and Mission for the Diocese of Des Moines.
RSVP by signing up in the vestibule or emailing Rita at stpatsimogeneyff@gmail.com

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!

Please join Henderson in

Celebrating the Season

RAFFLE - FOOD - COLORING

DECEMBER

SUNDAY 6 AT 11:00AM

At the Henderson Community Center

More details to follow

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

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!



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.

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

We are in need of people to fill the liturgical assignments for the Thanksgiving Eve Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 25th at 5pm. If you can help, there is a signup sheet on the table in the vestibule. Thank you!