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ST. PATRICK'S / HOLY TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT

To share the good news of Jesus in word and deed; to gather in prayer, worship, and the celebration of the Eucharist; to facilitate life-long faith formation; to serve the larger community especially the poor and marginalized; and to sustain parish ministry through the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

ST. PATRICK'S:

4:30 PM SATURDAYS

HOLY TRINITY:

8:00-8:15 AM

2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

ALSO BY APPOINTMENT

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

CALL THE OFFICE IF POSSIBLE WHEN HOSPITALIZED.

BAPTISM

CALL THE OFFICE DURING PREGNANCY FOR PREPARATION CLASS.

MARRIAGE

CALL THE OFFICE AT LEAST NINE MONTHS TO ONE YEAR AHEAD TO PLAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION. WEDDING DATE SHOULD NOT BE SET UNTIL PREPARATIONS HAVE BEGUN.

ANNULMENT/

MARRIAGE VALIDATION

CALL THE OFFICE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROCESS WITH DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL IF YOU ARE DIVORCED AND REMARRIED OR NEVER MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

RCIA

CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR THE RCIA PROCESS.

MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION

IF YOU ARE NEW, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH. PLEASE REGISTER BY CALLING THE OFFICE. IF YOU ARE MOVING AWAY, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO NOTIFY US BEFORE MOVING.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY NOON

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026

Today's Gospel begins with John the Baptist's bold proclamation: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). But John goes on to confess – twice – that at first, he did not know him. Even though the whole reason he called on people to repent and be baptized was to prepare for Lord's arrival, he himself did not recognize Jesus until he saw the Holy Spirit come down upon him like a dove. We all likely visualize Jesus somewhat differently. We may picture him the way renaissance artists portrayed him, or from an image used on a holy card, or an image we've seen developed by forensic anthropologists or even one recently created by AI. But no matter which image we're picturing, we too would probably not recognize him in a crowd. We know him from what he does. As John testified, he "takes away the sin of the world."

Many expected that the Messiah would take away sin by defeating it or driving it out, much as a general would lead an army to do. But defeating or driving out an enemy does not finish that enemy off forever. Sin would always return to wreak destruction and death. To truly overcome sin, Jesus had to suffer from the sins of others, like Isaiah's suffering servant, as the Lamb of God, the innocent who is sacrificed, to overcome sin and death and open the door to salvation.

Once John witnessed the Holy Spirit descending like a dove upon Jesus, he gave witness, pointing him out and testifying that he is the one God sent to take away the sin of the world. We witness Jesus, but in other ways. Here, in the Eucharist, in each other gathered in his name, and in the priest celebrating Mass. We may also witness him in the person in need, the least of our sisters and brothers, and in an act of forgiveness. We, like John, are called to give witness, in words and in deeds, to his presence in our lives.

Question of the Week: How will I witness to my faith, to Jesus this week?

DAILY READINGS:

Monday

January 19

1 Sm 15:16-23

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

January 20

1 Sm 16:1-13

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

January 21

St. Agnes

1 Sm 17:32-33,

37, 40-51

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

January 22

Day of Prayer for the

Legal Protection of

Unborn Children

1 Sm 18:6-9;

19:1-7

Mk 3:7-12

Friday

January 23

1 Sm 24:3-21

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

January 24

St. Francis de Sales

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12,

19, 23-27

Mk 3:20-21

3rd Sunday

in Ordinary Time

January 25

Is 8:23-9:3

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Mt 4:12-23

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 19:

9:00 a.m.—Cup of Grace
7:30 p.m.—Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, January 20:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP
[The relief of the poor souls in purgatory]

Wednesday, January 21:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Verna Mayer]
8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [For the People]
4:30 p.m.—RE (K-8th Grade)
7:00 p.m.—RE (9-10 Grade)

Thursday, January 22:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Bernie Klein]

Friday, January 23:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Lucille Wittrock]
8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [_____]

Saturday, January 24:

4:30 p.m.—Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.— Mass at SP [Madsen Family]

Sunday, January 25:

8:30 a.m.— Mass at HT [Peggy Venteicher]
9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—SPCW Waffle Breakfast
10:30 a.m.— Mass at SP [Al & Frances Kerkhoff]
7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice
8:00 p.m.—RE 11-12 Grades

Liturgy Schedule

ST. PATRICK'S:

Saturday, January 24 - 5:00 P.M.:

Ushers:
Reader: Volunteer
Eucharist Ministers: Matt Wilder, Sara Kerkhoff,
Volunteer
Music: Gary Keller, Rosemary Williamson
Servers: McKenna & Avery Wilder, Huxley Gross
Sacristan: Darrell Wittrock
Sunday, January 25—10:30 A.M.:
Ushers:
Reader: April Brand
Eucharist Ministers: Aaron Kerkhoff, Lora Anthofer,
Volunteer
Music: Blane Kerkhoff
Servers: Jocelyn & Jordyn Sorensen, Claire Kerkhoff
Sacristan: Brian Klocke

HOLY TRINITY:

Sunday, January 25—8:30 A.M.

Ushers: Joe & Weston Rasmussen
Reader: Jenny Brabham
Eucharist Minister: Ben Hansen
E.C.C.: Judy Bintner
Song Leader: Riann Hansen
Servers: Jack Hansen, Austin Rasmussen

December 2025

	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Income	\$37,379.87	\$4,289.74
Expenses	\$16,367.22	\$3,178.34
Total	\$21,012.65	\$1,111.40

January 11 Giving

	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Tithes	\$1,776.00	\$170.00
Plate	\$228.50	\$35.00
Building Fund	\$725.00	
Richard & Julie Fritz		\$60.00
Total	\$2,729.50	\$265.00

	Holy Trinity's goal	\$40,000.00	Donor	Yet to
	Pledges & Gifts	\$30,936.00	Households	Donate
	Payments Rec'd	\$26,435.98	19	20
	Needed	\$9,064.00		

2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



St. Pat's Goal:	\$32,292.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$32,053.75	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$31,753.75	59	74
Needed:	\$238.25		
Holy Trinity's Goal:	\$9,138.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$9,182.25	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$9,182.25	20	20

GOAL MET!!

Happy Birthday

18th - Jack Hansen
Katie Boehm
19th - Aiden Griffith
Brian Bruch
20th - Danny Anthofer
Julie Knutsen
21st - Randy Clausen



Happy Anniversary

Mike & Judy Bintner
51 Yrs. ~ January 18, 1975
Dane & Megan Nielsen
7 Yrs ~ January 19, 2019

BECOMING THE BEST DISCIPLE

The quote for this week that also appears on the whiteboard in the front of the church is:

"One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things."

Take time this week to sit quietly, or perhaps as you drive to your destination, to reflect on this message. REMEMBER TO LISTEN FOR GOD'S RESPONSE.

St Pat's Calendar Raffle by the numbers

\$17,067 in sales

17,067 names put into randomizer

53 envelopes turned in

1 WINNER—AARON KERKHOFF!!!!!!

Mass Stipends to increase from \$5 to \$10

Starting January 1, 2026

-Any Mass Intentions received before January 1, 2026 will be honored at the \$5.00 amount.

-If any Mass offerings of \$5.00 have been received but not assigned until after January 1, 2026, they will be honored at the \$5.00 amount.

COMING EVENTS!

Knights of Columbus Soup/Dessert Challenge

Sunday, January 18

5:00—7:00 p.m.

Adults \$6 • Kids \$(5-12) \$3 • under 5 free

Bring a crock pot of soup and/or dessert and get 2 free admissions. Voting is done by putting \$1 in the tip can by your favorite entry. Top 3 winners can take their tips home. Please plan to join us, this is for everyone even if you don't make soup or dessert!

If you choose to bring soup and/or dessert, please contact Steve Brinkman at 712-249-6525 or steve.brinkman@planterpioneer.com

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SPCW Waffle Breakfast

Sunday, January 25

9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

"All You Care to Eat!"

DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES

\$10.00/person 5 & under/Free

**SPCW members please sign up for a work shift and pick up your tickets at the back of church.



✠All those involved in serving our country in any capacity.

Special prayers to those on our prayer chain: Caleb Deist, Kellen Hemmingsen, LeAnn Hoffman, Ivan Blocker, Bill Ryan, Tina Madsen, Ellie Bennett,

Rosemary Hess, Joe Schulte, Lauren Bock, Jared Schliecher, Dawson Truitt, Lilly Hankemeier, Eleanor, Emilin & Enastatia Clark, Robbi Wittrock, Jenny Brabham, Oliver Turnbull, Vern Wagner, Ava Weiti, Fred Miller, Dash Burr, Randy Clausen, Connie (Fox) Hawthorne, Sheri Jo Porsch, Don Heller, Leonard Baumhover, Larry O'Tool, Joey Wanninger, Fred Muhr, Nick Swanson, Linda Kerkhoff, Deacon Fred Cornwell, Wade Wilson, Father Gubbels, Helen Jorgensen, Dreva Rutherford, Marcia Hanson, Cindy Petersen, Scott Family and all those who are facing very difficult situations and suffer in silence.

All those who are suffering and their families remain in our thoughts and prayers. Please contact the office if your loved one's status changes.



PRAY FOR THEIR SERVICE:

Several of our members and relatives of members are currently serving in the military. Please pray for them and their families. We pray for their safety and when on a mission, their quick return home to

family and friends.

Chance McLaughlin
Hayden McLaughlin
Cole & Mary Turnbull
Robert Hjuler
Zachary Kirkpatrick
Madeline Bintner

Daniel Buser
Rusty Dixon
Taylor Kerkhoff
Mason Hjuler
Mark Otte

*Please contact the office with any other names.

OCIA: If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the church office. You do not have to make a commitment to join the church in order to attend. We have just started a new group. We are also looking for more members on the OCIA team.

Married Couples. Married Couples.



Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming experiences are February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown and October 9-11 in Epworth.

A Special Workshop: Surviving Divorce

Helping You Find Peace, Power, and Passion

Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families.

Surviving Divorce will help you:

- Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.
- Find personal healing and hope.
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.
- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

For Men and Women Seeking Healing from Divorce

12 Session Workshop

Meeting weekly on Sundays from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at
St. Patrick Catholic Church
Hospitality Room
4 Valley View Drive
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Cost for materials is \$30 with financial assistance available

First Session is February 22nd

Register by February 17th
by emailing patrick.tinley@yahoo.com

Have questions? Contact Pat Tinley at 402-980-9722
More Details: stpatrickcb.org

Sign up for The Catholic Mirror newsletter!

Sign up for The Catholic Mirror newsletter - a new bi-weekly digital newsletter launching this Advent.

Every issue will feature Catholic news & events from around the Diocese of Des Moines plus additional news stories out of the Vatican and USCCB.

SCAN ME TO SIGN UP



Sign up today by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.dmdiocese.org/newsletter




Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Dinner

Sunday January 25, 2026

Brayton Lutheran Church

5:00 pm

The annual Prayer for Christian Unity Supper will be held next Sunday, January 25th, 5:00 pm at the Brayton Lutheran Church. All parishioners, spouses, & friends are ENCOURAGED to participate. Please sign up on the sheet at the back table if you will provide a crockpot of soup and if you can attend. We need a tentative number attending to report to Pastor Meyers by Thurs. the 22nd



We continue to collect coats that we no longer wear for those who could use them. Coats may be left in the box in the west entrance of St. Patrick's basement.



St. Patrick's Building Project UPDATE!

Reminder: this project includes solving a long-standing water issue on the west side of the church building, plus removal of the crumbling north steps/landscaping as well as an elevator/interior stairs.

When donating, please be sure to note on your donation that it is for "Building Fund" or "Elevator Project" (It's the same fund either way you label it). On the front of the yellow pew prayer cards, there is a QR code for super easy donations.

St. Patrick's Finance Council :	
Annette Bruch	Charlotte Fett
Alice Lauridsen	Marty Hanson
Alex Lopez	Don Mosinski
Kevin Wittrock	

Holy Trinity Finance Council:
Paul Christensen
Anita Hansen
Riann Hansen
Jean Madsen
Hugh Rossell

Corpus Christi Pastoral Council:	
Cole Bruch	Jennifer Brabham
Aaron Kerkhoff	Ben Hansen
Brooke Klocke	Susan Osvald