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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**

**ANOIDTING 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**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 1, 2026**

It's difficult to imagine a more countercultural way for Jesus to begin the first of his five sermons that make up Matthew's Gospel. At that time and as far back as Adam and Eve, poverty and misery were regarded as punishment for sin. These were signs that you certainly did not have God's blessing. To some extent this is still true, though our culture often puts the blame on the people themselves. In any case, no one who is poor in any way is usually considered blessed. But this is what Jesus leads with. Not only that, so are those in mourning, those too meek to get their way, victims of injustice, and so on. If God truly is blessing them, why are they still so misfortunate?

Perhaps the answer is that the world does not see how God sees. The world sees the outward signs of a difficult life; God sees someone in need of grace and mercy. The wise person puts their trust in God, not trusting the fickle finger of fate, which could upend anyone's life at any time, but leaning on God to help them overcome their obstacles. In the end, God has come to save us, in the person of Jesus Christ. Thus, Jesus can tell his disciples that the kingdom of heaven awaits the poor and persecuted of the world.

But it is in this world that Jesus is teaching his disciples how to live. He has just called them to leave everything behind and follow him. To the folks they left behind, it seemed a foolish thing to abandon their families, homes, and livelihoods to wander off without any concrete plans. But they have chosen to rely on God's grace instead of worldly possessions. As Paul later writes, he has made the same choice, enabling him to "boast in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31).

**Question of the Week:** How will I allow myself to be meek, merciful, and poor in the spirit, choosing to rely more often on God's grace?

**DAILY READINGS:**

**Monday**

February 2

**Presentation**

**of the Lord**

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

**Tuesday**

February 3

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,

24-25a, 30-19:3

Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday**

February 4

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday**

February 5

**St. Agatha**

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

**Friday**

February 6

**St. Miki & Companions**

Sir 47:2-11

Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday**

February 7

**St. John Bosco**

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

**5th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

February 8

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

## Mass Schedule

### Monday, February 2:

9:00 a.m.—Cup of Grace

### Tuesday, February 3:

10:30 a.m.—Mass at Friendship Home  
[Joan Heller]

6:00 p.m.—CCC Meeting at SP

### Wednesday, February 4: Office CLOSED

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, February 5:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Rachel Hall]

3:00 p.m.—Holy Hour at SP

### Friday, February 6:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Kathy Krier]

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [\_\_\_\_\_]

### Saturday, February 7:

4:00 p.m.—Adoration/Reconciliation

5:00 p.m.—Encounter Mass at SP  
[Don & Lorinda Tasler]

### Sunday, February 8:

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [Danika James]

9:30 a.m.—Coffee and Rolls at HT

10:30 a.m.—Confirmation Mass at SP  
[Joan Bauer]

11:30 a.m.—Confirmation Reception in basement

7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice

8:00 p.m.—RE 11-12 Grades

## Liturgy Schedule

### ST. PATRICK'S:

#### Saturday, February 7 - 5:00 P.M.:

Ushers: Volunteers

Reader: Ann Carter

Eucharist Ministers: Matt Wilder, Volunteers

Music: Rosemary Williamson

Servers: McKenna & Avery Wilder, Huxley Gross

Sacristan: Andy Griffith

#### Confirmation Sunday, February 8—10:30 A.M.:

Ushers: Volunteers

Reader: Confirmandi

Eucharist Ministers: Aaron Kerkhoff, April Brand

Music: Linda Blomme, Blane Kerkhoff

Servers: Alex & Wyatt Henkle, Ella Stanerson

Sacristan: Brian Klocke

### HOLY TRINITY:

#### Sunday, February 8—8:30 A.M.

Ushers: Gary Rasmussen, Volunteer

Reader: Gary Smouse

Eucharist Minister: Mike Binter

E.C.C.: Mike Binter

Song Leader: Judy Bintner

Servers: Gavin & Ryleigh Anthofer

ARS Committee: Riann Hansen, Kristi Lundgren,

Jean Madsen, Megan Wilkerson

## *Happy Birthday*

**1st -** Brenna Griffith  
Mykel Muhr

**2nd -** Landen Yager

**7th -** Camry Meaike

### January 25 Giving

	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Tithes	\$1,047.00	\$300.00
Plate	\$163.00	\$16.00
Building Fund	\$165.00	
2nd Collection- Parish Solidarity Fund	\$282.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,704.00</b>	<b>\$316.00</b>

### 2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



<b>St. Pat's Goal:</b>	<b>\$32,292.00</b>	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$32,292.00	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$32,292.00	59	74

#### GOAL MET!!

<b>Holy Trinity's Goal:</b>	<b>\$9,138.00</b>	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$9,182.25	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$9,182.25	20	20

#### GOAL MET!!



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

### BECOMING THE BEST DISCIPLE

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

*"ALWAYS stay humble and kind."*

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.



### Heaven Cent Sunday

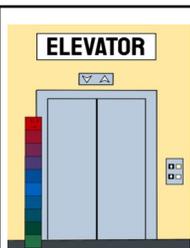
Our goal of 1 million pennies has been met!

On June 15, 2004 our parishes embarked on a journey to collect \$10,000 to be split equally between Catholic Charities and the Audubon County Ministerial Society. 7,864 days later we are at the finish line! Thank you to all who contributed over these last 21+ years!

From Father Wayne:

*As most of you know, I have had some health issues during this past Fall season, and was in the hospital several times, and had a number of tests. They finally seemed to get to the cause of all of this the early part of December. There was a build up of plaque in the abdominal area, and impeding the flow of blood and oxygen. They found out when my primary doctor sent me to a vascular surgeon. He did surgery on January 2 at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, and I am feeling much better, and slowly gaining my strength back, and have an appetite again. So I am hoping to be able to fill in to preside and preach, as we move into Lent and Easter; I have really missed doing that. I wanted to let parishes know that. We can see how things progress. But I feel so much better since the surgery. Thank you for all the prayers and support through all of this.*

Father Wayne Gubbels



### 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 and landscaping as well as an elevator and 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.



✚ 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 Weitzl, 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.



Please pray for our students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation  
**Sunday, February 8 at St. Patrick's at 10:30 a.m.**

Jack Hansen  
Kaleb Nelson  
Karleigh Henkle  
Landen Yager  
Lucy Stanerson  
Paxton Bean  
Zoey Rasmussen



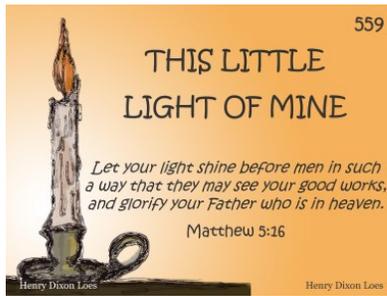
### Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Local: February 15th  
Regional: March 1st  
Audubon High School Gym  
Warm Ups at 12:30 p.m.  
Shooting at 1:00 p.m.

All Knights' help is appreciated!  
Questions? Call Andy Griffith 712-304-1533



**Cup of Grace** Ladies' fellowship, coffee and rosary every Monday at 9:00 a.m.  
Children always welcome!



Jesus' concrete, everyday images in this reading communicate the ultimate purpose of good human behavior: glorifying God. The first image comes from the culinary arts. Salt, when functioning correctly, adds flavor to food. It makes it tasty or tastier. Should it be rendered tasteless, such salt cannot achieve the good end for which it exists. Accordingly, it is when only good for paving grit.

A second image, the light of a lamp, also has its purpose. A lit lamp exists to illuminate a dark space. Lighting a lamp and then concealing its light renders the lamp useless. In order for a lamp to achieve its ultimate purpose (the good for which it exists), it is lit and set in a prominent place so as to shed light.

Likewise, cities built on elevated terrain are conspicuous and have their own purpose. They function as lookouts and not as secret military camps. Therefore, it is neither possible nor sensible to try to hide them.

Ultimately, Jesus uses these images to describe how God has designated good human behavior to function. The ultimate purpose of upright human behavior is not to attract attention, honor or accolades to the performers of such deeds. Rather, the purpose of good deeds is to glorify God. Consequently, when we, as disciples of Christ, engage in good behavior we are to do so in a way that promotes God's glory, not our own. Should we garner honor for our good deeds, we do well to embrace the lowliness of the cross and direct the attention of observers to God, who enables us to perform such good deeds and expresses glory through them.

Workbook for Lectors, etc. *Eric Wagner*

March 14, 2026

St. Patrick's Dinner & Auction

Please consider donating an item or money toward our biggest fund raiser of the year.

Contact Don & Jennifer Mosinski  
(515-745-0522)

Or Cole & Sarah Bruch  
(712-304-4293)  
with your donations.

Donation Items for 2026:

Private showing at the Rose Theater. You pick the date and the movie, invite friends and family or clients to see a movie at the Rose Theater. Theater rental, cost of movie and concessions are covered. Value of \$400.00+

*Tom & Virginia Mennenoh*

1/4 Angus Beef (*In memory of David Mosinski*) cut to your specifications, processed free by Kitt's Locker. *Mosinskis/Kitt's Locker*

Harper push brooms and kitchen brooms *Marty & Marcia Hanson*

The Religious Ed kids could use more snacks. Individually wrapped snacks are recommended such as: Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Goldfish, Individually wrapped Cookies. If you have questions, please call April 712-304-4337 Thank you!!

**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](http://wwme.org). Upcoming experiences are February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown and October 9-11 in Epworth.





**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	Daniel Buser
Hayden McLaughlin	Rusty Dixon
Cole & Mary Turnbull	Taylor Kerkhoff
Robert Hjuler	Mason Hjuler
Zachary Kirkpatrick	Mark Otte
Madeline Bintner	

\*Please contact the office with any other names.

**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

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Cole Bruch	Jennifer Brabham
Aaron Kerkhoff	Ben Hansen
Brooke Klocke	Susan Osvald