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September 21, 2025

Luke 16:1-13



## Mass Times & Intentions

**TUES. Sept. 23/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Doloris Holzinger**

**WED. Sept. 24/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Margaret Bishop**

**THURS. Sept. 25/ 8:30 AM, St. Stephen: Mary Nietert**

**FRI. Sept. 26/ 6:00 AM, St. Patrick: Pat & Bob Delagardelle**

**SAT. Sept. 27/ 4:00 PM, St. Patrick: For the People**

**SAT. Sept. 27/ 6:30 PM, St. Joseph: John and Mildred Soukup**

**SUN. Sept. 28/ 8:00 AM, St. Stephen: Dale Covington**

**SUN. Sept. 28/ 10:30 AM, St. Patrick: The Gogel Family**

**Reconciliation:** 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Patrick; 7:30 a.m. on Sunday at St. Stephen or by appointment.

For all other Sacraments, please, call or stop in either parish office.

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# From Fr. Sean Smith

Dear Friends in Christ,



This is one of those bulletin articles that is just a collection of random thoughts, so hang on.

Our new Faith Formation year is now underway. Thank you to all the wonderful leaders and catechists and others that support our efforts to help our young people grow in faith! But faith formation isn't limited to our young people! We have a Saturday morning men's group at St. Patrick, a Thursday morning men's group at St. Stephen, a Sunday morning woman's group at St. Patrick. We also have books and DVDs available to be borrowed for your own study or your own group study. Just because we're not offering something at the moment doesn't mean we can't offer it moving forward! Just ask!

We had a wonderful dedication of the "God is Pro-Life. Are you?" sign at St. Stephen last Sunday. I'm very proud of our parish for having so willingly committed to displaying this important pro-life message, and for the many people that took the walk down the hill after Mass for the dedication! Thank you to the Pro-Life with Love organization that made a gift of the sign to St. Stephen Parish and for bearing the cost to have it erected. Thank you for those that provided the refreshments following the dedication!



On a personal note, I'd like to ask for your prayers for my parents, Bob and Betty Smith, living in North Carolina. My mother has significant health issues and to say it kindly, her memory isn't what it used to be. My father is her primary caregiver, but he isn't doing the best, either. Last week he had a pacemaker/defibrillator implanted in his chest. It is hard for me to be so far from them, but thankfully my brother is able to provide some support. So let's all remember to pray for each other, in all of our personal circumstances.

+Peace,  
Fr. Sean

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Sept. 27 4:00 p.m. St. Patrick	Sept. 27 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph	Sept. 28 8:00 a.m. St. Stephen	Sept. 28 10:30 a.m. St. Patrick
<b>Lector</b>	Rosann Hurt	Teresa Uhlenkamp	Karla Dalton	Claire Thomsen
<b>Children Liturgy</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Veronica Groesbeck Molly Rogers
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	*Larry Huinker Charlotte Scheckel TBD TBD *clean vessels	Teresa Uhlenkamp Jim Thielen Karen Thielen	Don Hatch Denise McGovern Lore Rochford	*Julie Corpstein Malinda Engelbart Lynn Engelken Ruthanne Weighton *clean vessels
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Brielle Gravel Jonah Wagner	Autumn Jerome Bianaca Jerome	Hazel Ward Nevaeh Klima	Isaac Sievert Carl Steinlage
<b>Greeters</b>	TBD	Jim Thielen Karen Thielen	Bob Matus Kris Matus	Connie Gogel Terry Gogel
<b>Ushers</b>	Marcia Finn Thomas Swisher	Jim Thielen Karen Thielen	Bob Matus Kris Matus	Keith Doyle Steve Engelbart
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sandy Bunce	<b>Gifts:</b> Dean & Teresa Uhlenkamp	<b>Gifts:</b> Don & Karla Hogan	Geri Conley Carol Husmann
<b>Rosary</b>	Greg Pospisil	N/A	Mark Rochford	Bill Sperflage

# St. Patrick News



## LET US PRAY FOR...

Mary Barnes, Dale Breon, Matthew Corpstein, Jordan Darrow, Mike Fitzsimmons, Amanda Gardner, Dan Gilmore, Patty Gilmore, Nancy Haefner, George Helle, Bob Holland, Esther Hudson, Jennifer Jeffrey, Matthew Jennings, Alvin Johnson, Cheryl Leiferman, Lavonne Ludwig, James McIntyre (grandson of Patty Gilmore), Shannon McManus, Morgan Meyer, Dennis Moss, Sharon Nakielski, Ember O'Donnell, Angie Osterkamp, Deb Paustian, Barb Rumsey, Edith Schwes, John Secrist, Candy Shada, Cooper Sievers, Samuel Simko, Catherine Skarbek, Robert Skarbek, Caro Thompson, John K. Tigan, Mary Jo Yotty, those homebound and in care centers, those listed in our Prayer Intention Book

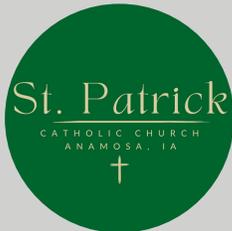
Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn for  
**Margaret Bishop**  
the week of September 28  
**Christ be our light  
shine through the darkness**



## "Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future" Program

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our "Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future" Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at [www.stpatchurch.us](http://www.stpatchurch.us) and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can mail your card to the church.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Patrick Church!



Last week we had great table conversations about living in a post-Christian world. Our best way to bring our families and ourselves through this godless culture focused on self is to look to the past in the pre-Christian world. Don't miss the next session of "That Man Is YOU!" Join us on Saturday at 6:00 am in the parish hall.

### Session 4, September 27

#### The Overthrow of Satan

The Kingdom of God is at hand

Not talking about a movement, an army, a government

The three forces at work in the kingdom of the world

The power of Satan is NOT infinite

Satan cannot prevent the building up of God's reign

Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world

Claim the power and inheritance as an heir to Christ



## School Board Members Needed!



St. Patrick School is seeking a faithful, dedicated Catholic to serve on our School Board. You do not need to have a student in the school—only to be an active member of the Catholic Church. The School Board meets just once a month, on the third Tuesday, making it a simple but meaningful way to support Catholic education and help guide the future of our students. No special credentials are needed—just a caring heart and a willingness to serve.



If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Diane Bradford at (319) 462-2688 or [dbqe02@stpatschool.us](mailto:dbqe02@stpatschool.us).



We will have our raffle again this year. Due to postal regulations, raffle tickets cannot be mailed, but are available at all the entrance/exits of the church. Please consider purchasing them yourself or selling them to friends & neighbors. They are rubber banded into packs of 50. Please turn your tickets in to the parish office before noon on Friday, October 10th or bring them to the festival. You need not be present to win.

**BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE CHURCH PARISH HALL**

**LADIES, JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF FOOD, MEANINGFUL FELLOWSHIP, AND ENGAGING SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS.**



# Harvest Bash

## Save the Date

Date: Saturday, November 1st

Location: Scooters Bar & Grill

Watch for more details soon!

Formally known as the St. Patrick's Spring Gala





St. John, Coggon | St. Joseph, Prairieburg | St. Stephen, Central City

## LET US PRAY FOR...

Don Beranek, Anita Besler, Pat Cameron, Ruby Drexler, Karen Dunlap, Lauren Foss, Glenda Grant, Jean Greif, Barb Heller, Diane Korte, Steve Kueter, Cheryl LloydRyan, Skip Powers, Dan Reiter, Sharon Reiter, Zora Ronan, Bert Shulista, Steve Walker, Sam Weller, James Weighton, Kenneth Zieser,



Join us for breakfast on September 28 after Mass!  
Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Cup, and Beverages.

We will have "To Go" boxes available.

Free will donations accepted

Proceeds will help support our Faith Formation Program

Sponsored by St. Stephens Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild is still in need of some help for this breakfast. If you are able to help fill any of these spaces please call – Lori Rochford at 319-210-4881:

\*2 helpers on Saturday, September 27th for breakfast prep at 8:30

\* 4 helpers on Sunday, September 28th at 6:30AM

\*5 helpers on Sunday after Mass to help serve.

No Children's Liturgy: September 21 or 28th



## Parish Visitor Reminder:

Please call the office or Monica if you would like Monica to sit in prayer with you or bring you the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis or to schedule a special time for you.  
Monica: 319-438-1979.



## NLCC Youth Faith Formation

- Confirmation Classes Start Sept 21st following Mass
- Wednesday Night classes for k-9 start September 24th at 6:45pm
- No K-9 Wednesday Classes on October 1st because of homecoming

This Sunday, September 21st the 3rd Sunday Loose Change Collection will be going to St. Stephen Ministries.



## Stephen's Prayer Chain

If you wish to participate in the chain or have a prayer request, call or message 319-438-1170.

Names and details are not required, a request will be sent to volunteers and prayer will be offered for that intention.



## Check out the North Linn Catholic Cluster



FACEBOOK page!



click link below

[NorthLinnCatholicCluster](#)

Or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera and click on the link that pops up on your phone. Make sure to LIKE the page and follow.

Thank you to everyone who Came out for our sign dedication!



Children's Liturgy Needs volunteers to keep the program going every week!

We need you!

your help means a lot!



# Volunteers Needed

With Confirmation starting Emily will be unable to run Children's Liturgy each week. This means unless someone else helps- there will be weeks with NO Children's Liturgy

Contact Emily-dbq034re@dbqarch.org

# All Parish News

## Weekly Offerings--9/14

St. Patrick--\$2,455.00  
 St. Joseph--\$0  
 St. John--\$25.00  
 St. Stephen--\$1,142.00  
 Mt. Olivet Cemetery \$0  
 St. Joseph Cemetery \$0

Weekly offerings can be made through automatic ACH withdrawals. Forms can be found on the parish websites. Completed forms can be mailed, dropped off or put in the collection basket at Mass.

## The Week Ahead

Tue. 9/23	8:30 a.m.	Rosary: SP
Wed. 9/24	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Club: G & G
Thurs. 9/25	6:45 p.m.	NLCC Pastoral Council Meeting: Coggon
Sat. 9/27	6:00 a.m.	TMIY: SP

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You cannot serve both God and mammon" (Luke 16:13). The steward of today's gospel parable is dishonest and self-serving, but he used his power to forgive debt and relieve the burden of the poor. This Gospel challenges us to not weigh opportunities on a scale of what benefits us, but rather by what is correct and prudent. Whom do you serve?

## Scripture For The Week: Sept. 22 - Sept 28

<b>Mon. 9/22</b>	Ezra 1:1-6	Luke 8:16-18
<b>Tues. 9/23</b>	Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20	Luke 8:19-21
<b>Wed. 9/24</b>	Ezra 9:5-9	Luke 9:1-6
<b>Thurs. 9/25</b>	Haggai 1:1-8	Luke 9:7-9
<b>Fri. 9/26</b>	Haggai 2:1-9	Luke 9:18-22
<b>Sat. 9/27</b>	Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a	Luke 9:43b-45

## Sunday, Sept 28 Readings

Amos 6:1a, 4-7                      1 Timothy 6:11-16  
 Luke 16:19-31

## National Life Chain

The National Life Chain has been a day of public, prayerful, and peaceful pro-life witness and an annual event to support all life from conception to death for many years. This year the event will be held in Cedar Rapids on Sunday, October 5 from 2:00-3:30pm. The chain participants will be organized at St. Matthew's parking lot at 2310 1st Ave NE in Cedar Rapids into block assignments. Participants can get a free pro-life sign to hold during the event. Register with Sue Martinek at 319-270-0054 or call Rick Delagardelle 319-210-9374.

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**St. Patrick Church**  
**Thursday, September 25**  
**5:00 PM**



## A Eucharistic Miracle in Germany 1774-1824

Reprinted from Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition  
<http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>

Anne Catherine Emmerich was forced to abandon the monastery in which she lived because it was being appropriated by the government. In that period, her health declined and the mystical experiences increased: she received the stigmata and had numerous visions. One of these allowed the finding of the house of Our Lady in Ephesus. In fact, according to antique traditions, it seems that Mary settled, together with John the Apostle, in this city. The miraculous aspect of the life of Anne Catherine is that for years she fed only on the Eucharist.

Let's celebrate

*Catechist and  
 Priesthood  
 Sunday*



On Sunday, September 28, at the 10:30 AM Mass. Following Mass, we will gather in the parish hall to enjoy a delightful assortment of desserts and fellowship.

## Help us get ready for the St. Patrick Fall Festival

The St. Patrick Fall Festival is **Sunday, October 12**, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This is coming fast, and we are asking for donations. Please call Kylie Ruess at 563-920-3046 to donate to

The Country Store  
 and

call Nick Agne at 319-899-3010 to donate to the auction.

Thank you!

## Donations for Fall Festival Kids Games

We are looking for donations for the kids' games at the Fall Festival! A bin will be placed in the church entrance for anyone wishing to drop off items. Thank you for helping make the games fun for our kids!

Tootsie Roll Pops, Halloween  
 Candy, 2 liters of pop and kid  
 prizes



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