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September 28, 2025

**Parable of the
Rich Man
& Lazarus**
Luke 16:19-31

Mass Times & Intentions

TUES. Sept. 30/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: The Scheckel Family

WED. Oct. 1/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Bob Larson

THURS. Oct. 2/ 8:30 AM, St. Stephen: Steve Kula

FRI. Oct. 3/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Dave Russ

SAT. Oct. 4/ 4:00 PM, St. Patrick: Leon & Kathryn Ludwig

SAT. Oct. 4/ 6:30 PM, St. John: For the People

SUN. Oct. 5/ 8:00 AM, St. Stephen: Don Phillips

SUN. Oct. 5/ 10:30 AM, St. Patrick: Bob & Betty Smith

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,



It isn't really new, but I have been talking about "mission" a lot lately. Also, evangelization and being disciples/discipleship are being talked about more. In the past, I've been told that those words make people uncomfortable, and that maybe I shouldn't use them. Well, those words are used throughout our *Journey in Faith* initiative, so they aren't going away. Maybe it is time to stop being afraid of them and instead understand them and embrace them!

The Mission of the Archdiocese of Dubuque includes the phrase, "[...] our archdiocesan **mission** is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ [...]". The Vision Statement includes the phrase, "We are an engaged archdiocesan community of joyful **missionary disciples** [...]". The first of the three main priorities is, "**Evangelization**: To share the Gospel with those yet to know Jesus, with those who feel disconnected from their faith, and with those seeking a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church." (my emphasis added in this paragraph)

I will share more about these words in the coming weeks, going deeper into what the Church teaches. But before I even dive into them, I want to address, in part, why I think they are so challenging for us to accept: a combination of fear and a misunderstanding of humility.

The most fundamental reality is that the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is love (cf. 1 John 4:8b). Another truth shared with us by St. John in the same letter is that "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:18-19).

To borrow from my homily this past weekend, we need to get things in the right order!

1. God is love
2. God loved us first
3. We can love because God loved us first
4. There is no place for fear when we love perfectly, as God loves us and has called us to love
5. If we are experiencing fear, it is a sign to us to enter more deeply into the love of God

So, our response to our fear over concepts like mission and evangelization and discipleship is not to give in to the fear, but to love more like God has called us to love! And since we were made by Love, for love, then this is not something "extra" or "only for those who are special", but for each and every one of us! It is a call placed on us and in us by God himself in our baptism. Over and over the Scriptures tell us, "Do not be afraid!" That is another way of saying, "embrace being loved by God more fully, and then live out that love more fully".

+Peace,
Fr. Sean

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Oct. 4 4:00 p.m. St. Patrick	Oct. 4 6:30 p.m. St. John	Oct. 5 8:00 a.m. St. Stephen	Oct. 5 10:30 a.m. St. Patrick
Lector	Michael Dehner	JoAnn Woods	Kris Matus	Bennett Clark
Children Liturgy	N/A	N/A	N/A	Veronica Groesbeck
Eucharistic Ministers	*Rosann Hurt Sherry Engelbart Jayson Wagner *clean vessels	JoAnn Woods Kris Oswald Dave Francois	Carol Peterson Dave Allen Mary Allen	*Greg Husmann Linda Bonifazi-King Kimberly Keister *clean vessels
Altar Servers	Isaac Sievert Jonah Wagner	TBD	Liam Cizmadia Del Carpenter	Payton Stupka James Thomsen
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Ushers	Rick Cook Michael Finn	Steve Welter Don Gudenkauf	Dianna Hackman Cheryl Hagerman	Keith Doyle Steve Engelbart
Sacristan	Loretta Holzinger	Gifts: Steve Welter & Don Gudenkauf	Gifts: Ken & Judy Kula	Geri Conley
Rosary	Rick Delagardelle	N/A	Deacon David Sallen	Sandy Heims

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
Dearborn Family
 the week of October 5
Christ be our light
 shine through the darkness

ST. PATRICK Library

We invite you to explore our St. Patrick Library, where you'll find an impressive selection of Catholic authors such as Matthew Kelly, Jon Leonetti, Edward Sri, Scott Hahn, and more. These writers will guide you in deepening your understanding of the Catholic faith by delving into core teachings, history, and spirituality through a variety of literary forms. Don't miss out on our delightful collection of children's literature as well!

Feel free to stop by, pick up a book, take it home to enjoy, and simply return it to the library when you're done. It's that simple!

**PREPARE YOUR HEART TO BE PURSUED BY THE LORD
 IN A WAY THAT DEEPENS YOUR LOVE FOR HIM,
 INVITES YOUR SOUL TO HEAL, AND FORTIFIES YOUR
 RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST.**

She Shall Be Called Woman

**THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 8:30 A.M. IN
 THE CHURCH PARISH HALL**

Harvest Bash Join Us For The... St. Patrick School

St. Patrick School Harvest Bash!
 Saturday, November 1st
 Scooters Bar & Grill

- Check out our great sponsorship packages
- Consider donating a silent auction item
- Most importantly, plan to attend!

Scan the QR Code to learn more!
 Make plans now to be part of the celebration!

Give. Gather. Grow

St. Patrick Youth Faith Formation Classes

Wed., Sept. 24th--Grades 1-11 class at 6:15 pm
Wed., Oct. 1st--Grades 1-11 class at 6:15 pm
Wed., Oct. 8th--Grades 1-11 classes at 6:15 pm

Already we have had 16 men participate in at least one of the past three sessions with typically 12 men every week. We miss your voice! TMIY is for all men interested in being men of Faith and who want to know how to respond in a culture of godlessness. What can we do to help protect and help save our families? Don't miss the next session of "That Man Is YOU!" Join us on Saturday at 6:00 am in the parish hall.

TMIY
 THAT MAN IS YOU!

Session 5, October 4
How to Overthrow an Empire!

Christ radically up-ended the way we conceive of power, dominion, and authority. The Kingship of Christ is universal, moral, and spiritual. The Kingdom can indeed grow to cover the face of the earth.

How does the Kingdom grow?
 Who enters the Kingdom?
 Who opposes the Kingdom?
 The Christian way is the way of self-giving love.

"Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future" Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to **reflect upon and renew** your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of St. Patrick Church. For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please visit the parish website at www.stpatrickchurch.us.

We will have our raffle again this year. They are available at all the entrance/exits of the church. 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.

Homecoming Week

Spirit Days



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,



FALL ROADSIDE CLEANUP: The North Linn Catholic Cluster Knights of Columbus Fall roadside cleanup will be Sunday October 5th at 1 pm (rain date is October 12th). Meet at St. Stephen's Church Hall. Refreshments provided after cleanup. This is a great opportunity for the middle-school and high-school youth of the Parishes for community service. Many hands make light work. Please support this community effort.



Thank you to everyone who came out to the KC Picnic- It was a great day Full of great fellowship!



NLCC Youth Faith Formation



- No K-9 Wednesday Classes on October 1st because of homecoming
- October 5- Confirmation
- October 15- Class
- October 18- Confirmation Retreat

Knights of Columbus Meeting at St. Stephen's on October 6th at 7:10PM



No Children's Liturgy: September 28th or Oct. 5



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



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- clbq034re@clbqarch.org

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.



2025 Nibl'n Bid'n and Pie Winners

- Grand Prize- Brenda Hansen
- Second Place- Barbara Heller
- Third Place- Granny- Monica Carpenter
- Fourth Place- Taylor Kack



PARISH MEETING DATES



Meeting #2- October 13th at 7pm
Meeting #3- November 16th at 3PM



Meeting #2- October 14th at 6pm
Meeting #3 November 11th at 6pm



Meeting #2- October 9 at 6:30pm
Meeting #3- November 10th at 6:30pm



ROSE DRIVE:



The North Linn Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Birthright Rose Drive after Mass on Oct. 4th at St. John, Oct 5th at St. Stephen, and Oct 11th at St. Joseph.

All proceeds donated to Birth-right of Cedar Rapids, which is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing love and support for over 45 years to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

If you wish, you can mail checks to the North Linn Catholic Cluster, P.O. Box 496, Central City, IA 52214, payable to the North Linn Knights of Columbus, marked "Rose Drive".

Thank You and God Bless!

All Parish News

Weekly Offerings--9/22

St. Patrick--\$6,372.72
St. Joseph--\$1,238.00
St. John--\$936.00
St. Stephen--\$3,515.00
Mt. Olivet Cemetery \$0
St. Joseph Cemetery \$50.00

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
Sun. 9/28	8:30 a.m.	SHE: SP

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Remember that you received what was good during your lifetime..." (Luke 16:25). In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus challenges our attitudes towards the poor. How has your marriage been a blessing to someone in need? Is there something more you can do today?

Scripture For The Week: Sept. 29 - Oct 5

Mon. 9/29	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	John 1:47-51
Tues. 9/30	Zechariah 8:20-23	Luke 9:51-56
Wed. 10/1	Nehemiah 2:1-8	Luke 9:57-62
Thurs. 10/2	Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12	Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Fri. 10/3	Baruch 1:15-22	Luke 10:13-16
Sat. 10/4	Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29	Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 5 Readings

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Eucharistic Adoration
St. Stephen Church
Thursday, October 2
5:00 PM



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.

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.

A Eucharistic Miracle in la Bradiere, France 1941

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

"Yvonne-Aimee of Malestroit wanted to remain to pray by herself and so we distanced ourselves for a while. Around four o'clock in the afternoon we began to hear Yvonne lament as if she was watching something horrible. From the few words that I was able to hear I understood that she was seeing the desecration of a Host. She explained to me that two men were stabbing a consecrated Host with an awl and from it blood began to ooze out. I then saw her invoke her Guardian Angel and tell him these words: 'Go and find me that Host, my beloved is complaining!' An instant later a luminous being passed in front of her with something white in hand that was bleeding and placed it on the branch of a pine tree. ...we then got the camera and took a photograph of the Host."

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
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